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Toronto rabbis denounce Bridget Loves Bernie intermarriage comedy

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
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TORONTO –
Toronto rabbis have joined their U.S. brethren in sharply condemning the intermarriage-can-be-beautiful theme of **Bridget Loves Bernie**, a new situation comedy seen Saturday on CBS and CTV.

The Canadian Jewish News carried a front page Jewish Telegraphic Agency story three weeks ago of U.S. rabbis denouncing the show dealing with married life of Bridget Fitzgerald, a Catholic, and Bernard Steinberg, a Jewish cabdriver and playwright.

In an editorial Nov. 17, **The CJN** called the show "so slight and unimportant that one wonders if busy people can't find better things about which to protest."

Rabbi Michael Stroh of Har Zion says the program upsets him in its superficial treatment of what's really a problem.

"I'm tired of seeing stereotypes of Eastern European Jews who own delicatessens and scream at the top of their lungs at each other," he told **The CJN**. "And I'm tired of seeing Catholics portrayed as bigots.

"I strongly resist the implication that the problem of intermarriage is only one of a generation gap and if it weren't for the facts the Catholic are bigoted and the Jewish parents come from a foreign country, then intermarriage would be okay."

Rabbi Meyer Berglas of Shaarei Tefillah, saying he had only seen the show once, did not feel he had enough knowledge to formulate an opinion.

He noted **The CJN** editorial and agreed "there are a lot more important things to be hollering about."

He continued: "However, I'm not convinced that Conservative and Reform clergy are clear of guilt in this intermarriage thing. If there was no outlet for these kinds of intermarriages, then there wouldn't be this kind of program."

Rabbi Richard Marcovitz of Beth Tzedec says the program "is a poor excuse for a situation comedy. I'm sure it doesn't do anybody any good."

(**The CJN** contacted five Catholic clergymen to get their comments on **Bridget Loves Bernie**. None had seen the show nor had they heard much comment about it. A spokesman for the National Catholic Communications Centre said there had been no feedback about the show.)

Ben Kayfetz, executive-director of the Joint Community Relations Committee of the Congress-B'nai B'rith, says he'd like to comment, "but unfortunately or fortunately I've never seen it. We've received no calls or complaints from the public."

Rabbi Stephen Franklin of Holy Blossom finds the show "in poor taste and totally unrealistic."

"I have a feeling that it makes light of a situation far more serious than appears on the show," he continued. "But apparently they've been reacting to public opinion and suddenly Bridget is interested in Judaism. She's studying with a rabbi who looks like something out of **Fiddler on the Roof.**"

"It looks like the show is swinging into the direction that she's going to convert. But still it is done very badly."

Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, agrees with his brother, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, who called the show "an insult to some of the most sacred values of both the Jewish and Catholic religions."

Rabbi Joseph finds the show "a carricature" of a very serious problem and says he's particularly offended by the manner in which an episode handled the would-be conversion of Bridget.

"It showed old stereotypes – such as she is more religious than her husband – and it contained statements which showed ignorance of Jewish law and customs. . . If there has to be a show on intermarriage, I'd be happier if it discussed the agonizing features of intermarriage prior to marriage."

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Egypt opens consulate to create Arab sentiment

By MARK MEDICOFF
(CJN Quebec Bureau Chief)

MONTREAL –
Egypt has opened a consulate in Montreal for the first time. Observers believe the move is part of a new strategy taken by the Middle East government to establish "information bases" to create pro-Arab sentiment.

Temporarily stationed at the Windsor Hotel, the consulate is headed by soft-spoken Acting Consul General Mahmoud Abdul Pasha, a diplomat with the Egyptian government. Assisting him are Consul Somir A. Abdulla and Fouad Shafik.

Repeated attempts by **The Canadian Jewish News** to ascertain background information on the new diplomats met with failure.

Egypt, which is hard pressed for foreign exchange, will attempt to interest the Quebec business community in further commercial relations between the two countries.

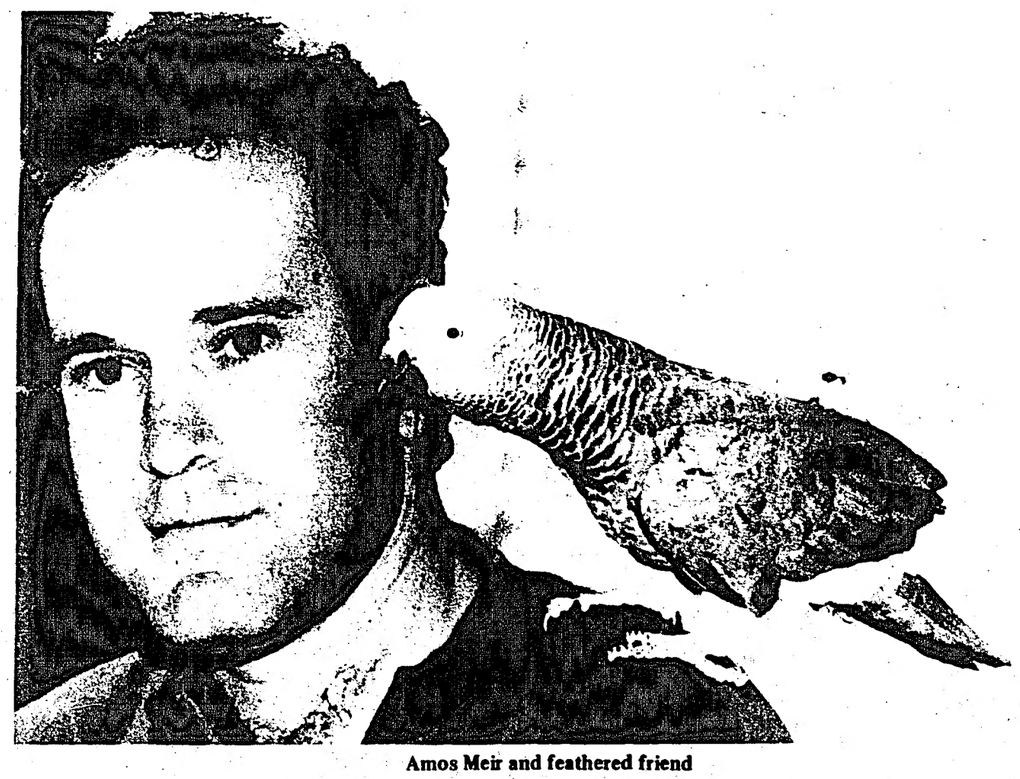
Quebec is also a "fertile field for Arab propaganda," said one community official. He even suggested that the consulate's presence may result in an all out propaganda war in the province."

In an initial phone call, Acting Consul General Pasha told **The CJN** the consulate will undertake the responsibilities of any other consulate, which is to develop cultural exchanges as well as provide aid to the estimated 5,000 nationals living in Montreal.

He said about two-thirds of the Egyptians living in Montreal are Christian, while a third are Muslim.

"The consulate will provide official information," said Pasha, "in the way, of course, that all government offices represent their country."

Pasha telephoned the Montreal offices of **The CJN** saying, after discussion with his colleagues, he is unable to provide biographical information on consulate officials.



Amos Meir and feathered friend

Israelis are chuckling

Yossi the red-tailed parrot sang but ownership is still undecided

JERUSALEM –
Getting up at five o'clock in the morning on the off chance that a grey-feathered, red-tailed parrot would burst into song and in this way clear up a lawsuit that has some hilarious aspects, is not Chief Magistrate Miriam Verlinsky's idea of sound courtroom practice.

The story of Amos Meir's parrot and the dispute over its ownership is one of the lighter stories that is causing Israelis to chuckle these days. It shared prominent space in Israel's newspapers with the more sombre news which is the daily fare.

Meir, a crane operator employed by Solel Boneh, lost his parrot, Yossi, which he had brought back with him from Ghana where he had served for two years. He reported the loss to the police and began a search which led him to the house of Haim Moas, who operates a horse farm.

Moas was charged with theft of the parrot but the verdict depended on proof that Yossi could sign a German melody which Meir said his mother had taught the parrot. But Yossi would only sing the song in familiar surroundings.

Accordingly, Magistrate Verlinsky, court officials and newspaper reporters adjourned to the Meir home with Yossi and waited for the one-song recital. But Yossi wouldn't sing a note. Meir explained that Yossi liked to sing first thing in the morning, about six a.m. This piece of news was received with a notable lack of enthusiasm by the chief magistrate, who obviously felt that the end of justice didn't call for getting out of bed in pre-dawn darkness to hear a parrot sing.

"For a murder case I would get up that early," Mrs. Verlinsky said. "But not for a parrot."

An enterprising reporter thought Yossi should have a chance to sing, and when everyone had left, he hooked up a tape recorder near Yossi. And sure enough, the next morning, at about six a.m., Yossi burst into song and the recorder got it all.

That's the end of this chapter of Yossi, the German Singing Parrot. So far, the reporter hasn't been called to testify to his part in the affair, and no date has been set for the next court hearing.

Meanwhile, Yossi continues to sing at six a.m. as his contribution to another day.

Cobrin is named general chairman of CJA campaign

(From our Quebec Bureau)

MONTREAL –
Simon Cobrin, who has served as associate chairman of the Montreal Combined Jewish Appeal for six years, has been named general chairman of the 1973 annual fund raising drive.

The announcement was made by Monty Berger, president of Allied Jewish Community Services, at the annual dinner celebration marking the close of the campaign at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

Cobrin, an active campaign member for over 13 years is president of Cobrin's Ltd., a textile and real estate firm.

Cobrin takes over campaign chairmanship from Nathan Scott, who was awarded the Bronfman Medal for his outstanding contribution to the Canadian Jewish community. Scott was also presented with a Rina Rothholz tri-dimensional etching for his remarkable campaign leadership during the 1972 drive.

Simon Cobrin

Born in Russia, Cobrin was brought to Canada as an infant, and lived in Shawinigan Falls until the age of 13 when the family moved to Montreal.

Cobrin said the 1973 campaign comes at a time when Israel celebrates her 25th Anniversary. He stated: "I feel confident that the community will respond in the same manner as if there were a disaster taking place in Israel. It is much finer to give at a time when there is a simcha than when there is a terrible emergency."

Cobrin has been a member of the AJCS Board of Trustees since 1969, and was a member of the executive of the Israel Bonds Organization for over five years. He also won the Michael Hirsch Memorial Trophy in 1968 for his exceptional campaign work.

He serves as a life governor of the Jewish General Hospital, and is on the board of the YMHA, the Meriam Home for the Exceptional, the Hebrew Free Loan Association, and the United Talmud Torahs.

Love of Eichmann's son for Jew led to his capture

HAIFA (JCNS) –
Adolf Eichmann might still be alive today had not his son Klaus fallen in love with the daughter of a Jewish lawyer in Buenos Aires.

The discovery of the whereabouts of the man responsible for the mass murder of Jews in wartime Europe, came about when young Klaus began courting Sylvia Hermann, daughter of Luther Hermann, who lost his eyesight while an inmate o. Dachau concentration camp.

Tuvia Friedman, head of the Haifa Documentation Centre, confirmed that Hermann was the first to discover the whereabouts of Eichmann 15 years ago, and the clues came from the unsuspecting son.

Hermann has been given the reward of $10,000 offered by the Israeli government for information leading to the discovery of the notorious Nazi who was known as the man who implemented Hitler's Final Solution of the Jewish question.

Eichmann was apprehended by Israeli agents in Argentina and then tried in Israel where he was found guilty and executed in 1961

Hermann notified both Dr. Fritz Bauer, the late Frankfurt prosecutor-general, and the Israeli authorities that Eichmann was in Argentina in 1957. Owing to an error in identification, Hermann's description of Eichmann did not correspond with the one in the possession of the Israelis, and the search was suspended. Hermann then began a correspondence with Friedman in Haifa and it was largely through Friedman's initiative that the search for Eichmann was resumed two years later.

All calm in Israel despite air battles with Syrian forces

By SOL I. LITTMAN
(Special to the CJN)

JERUSALEM –
Israelis are going about their everyday affairs without any feeling of tension as a result of the stepping up of fighting between the IAF and Syrian forces.

This is not to say that Israelis are indifferent to what is happening, quite the contrary. They devour the newspapers for the latest reports, but they view the clashes as local actions of no great significance.

The front-page news last week of the destruction of six Syrian warplanes was not regarded as the curtain-raiser to a major conflict, despite Syria's threats of decisive battles soon to come. Everyone I spoke to in the past few days failed to reflect any feeling of quickening of hostilities.

No one looks anxious or concerned. The streets are alive with people, the cafes are crowded, and life goes on. The two stories which are competing for top space in the press are Chief Rabbi Goren's decision in reversing the mamzerim decision and an uproarious account of a lawsuit over the ownership of a singing parrot.

No rabbis polled in North York support universal prayer

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO –
Not one of 14 North York rabbis polled by **The Canadian Jewish News** has expressed support for a "universal" prayer to borough school board chairman George McCleary.

Nor does Ben Kayfetz, executive director of the Joint Community Relations Committee of Congress-B'nai B'rith, recall any recent conversation with the North York board chairman on this question.

McCleary, in a conversation with this reporter, confirmed that he had told a Nov. 20 meeting of the board that "I have talked to rabbis in North York and I have yet to find one who didn't support use of a universal prayer appealing to God for help in the day's activities," as part of opening exercises in the public schools.

He refused to reveal any names, although he broadened his sources of Jewish opinion to "a good representation of the Jewish community including rabbis."

All rabbis contacted by the **CJN** were strongly opposed to the use of the Lord's Prayer, as required by present law. Seven were personally opposed to use of a "universal" prayer, three supported it with varying degrees of enthusiasm, and four were unwilling to comment.

However, all would, at this time, accept a "universal" prayer in place of the Lord's Prayer, on the grounds that such a change represented a great improvement over the present law. A moment of silence was even more acceptable.

There was no Orthodox, Conservative or Reform pattern to the responses. The poll included Rabbi Meyer Berglas of Shaarei Tefillah, chairman of the Rabbinical Council of Canada, Ontario Branch; Rabbi Albert Pappenheim of B'nai Israel-Beth David, chairman of the Toronto Board of Rabbis; Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai, Chairman of the JCRC; and Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education.

McCleary made his remarks to the North York Board in the course of a heated debate on a motion by Ward 5 Trustee Mel Shipman requesting the board to petition the minister of education "to eliminate all mandatory references to sectarian religious instruction and practices." The motion also included a request that local boards be given the right of exemption from existing religious opening exercises.

McCleary confirmed reports of a clash between him and Shipman over Shipman's charge that religious exercises promote one segment of organized religion. At the meeting, McCleary branded these charges "fraudulent and a lie."

In his comments to **The CJN**, McCleary indicated his belief that in dealing with such sensitive issues, the board should "hammer out a solution without going to the public."

He emphasized his own strong support of the Mackay Report, whose recommendations permit the substitution of a non-sectarian prayer for the Lord's Prayer, and suggested that Shipman's introduction of the motion at this time was "strictly political."

Shipman responded that "McCleary has refused to discuss the substance of the issue and has tried from the very beginning to reduce the question to one of personalities. I challenge Mr. McCleary to discuss the substantive issues involved in the serious way that the question merits."

Shipman denied that the motion was timed for political gain. "I have invited McCleary to discuss the issue privately, but we have not been able to get together," he said.

No official stand has been taken by the rabbinate at this time. The Toronto Board of Rabbis has considered the issue, but has postponed any action or public statement until after the municipal elections. The Rabbinical Council of Canada, Ontario Branch, plans to discuss the question at its next meeting.

Organizations and People

The Associated Hebrew Schools in Toronto are offering a bicycle safety accessory which has received approval from police. The device is a reflective, flourescent triangle making bikes more visible day and night. It is attached to the rear seat or fender of the bicycle. Alan Noyek (front right) adjusts triangle as Stuart Yalowsky looks on. Behind them is Marla Wefield and Associated gift shop supervisors Mrs. Lori Wesfield and Mrs. Jerry Yalowsky. Triangle sells for $1.25.

Synagogue, hockey league dispute games on sabbath

(From our Quebec Bureau)

MONTREAL –

An Orthodox synagogue here has withdrawn its sponsorship of a minor league hockey team following a dispute within the league over scheduling games on the sabbath.

Beth Ora Synagogue of suburban St. Laurent made the decision after complaints from parents and players on the other eight teams charged that Beth Ora's refusal to play hockey on Saturday was harming the league.

The issue erupted recently when 400 mainly non-Jewish parents attended a meeting of the St. Laurent municipal government demanding to know why their children were being prevented from playing hockey on Saturday.

While at the meeting they criticized the city for cancelling Saturday games so that the Beth Ora sponsored team could play.

The parents representing the eight other teams then threatened to pull out the 2,000 children from the league unless Beth Ora played on Saturday.

Beth Ora spokesman Sonny Laxer said the synagogue's administration was alarmed by the protests and felt compelled to end its involvement with the hockey league.

Laxer told The CJN the synagogue administration could not understand the sudden wave of protest from the parents because the city's recreation department has designed a schedule accommodating Beth Ora for the past nine years.

Arnold Matthews, spokesman for the protesting parent group, said the issue is not "racial" but rather "a strong opposition to politicians interfering with minor league sports."

Matthews' association had passed a play-on-Saturday ruling for the Beth Ora team which was overruled by the city.

Beth Ora and the other eight teams have now agreed to maintain this season's schedule at the end of which Beth Ora will officially end its involvement with the team it sponsors.

"On Nov. 10 the nine associations met," said Laxer of Beth Ora, "and we made the unanimous decision that sports is uppermost in our minds and that politics and religion should not be allied to a sports program."

Archbishop is fearful for Arab Christians

TORONTO –

A Lebanese churchman told a Toronto audience last week that the major question in the Middle East is not the conflict between Muslims and Jews but the right of Christians to live and remain there according to their cultural identity.

He was Archbishop George Khodr, Metropolitan of Mount Lebanon and Batroun, who is making a speaking tour of North America on behalf of the Palestinians. The archbishop spoke in Bloor Street United Church at the invitation of Dr. Bruce McLeod, moderator of the United Church of Canada.

Several weeks ago, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, spoke at Bloor Street United, at Dr. McLeod's invitation.

In a broadly ranging sermon around the general topic of peace and justice, with special reference to the Middle East, Archbishop Khodr said "the peace Jesus spoke of is for the poor, those poor who cannot purchase arms to impose peace." He added that cultural genocide is as bad as physical genocide.

His Grace said there are about eight million Arab Christians and he feared they may be crushed because the church is gravely threatened now. "I pray that in the heart of Jerusalem, Holy Communion may still be celebrated," he said. There was no explanation as to his grounds for such fears.

Virtue has its price

JERUSALEM (JCNS) –

Girls in a number of more traditional Oriental communities in Israel are undergoing minor operations to restore their "virginity", according to the evening newspaper Yediot Ahronot.

Gynaecologists are quoted as saying that this is not necessarily intended to impress prospective bridegrooms, most of whom are boyfriends of long standing. The operation is performed primarily to satisfy the bridegrooms' mothers who collect the bedsheets after the wedding night.

The operation can be performed on the same patient up to three times. One gynaecologist told of a girl who paid for her first operation and left him a small sum of extra money – a deposit for her next visit.

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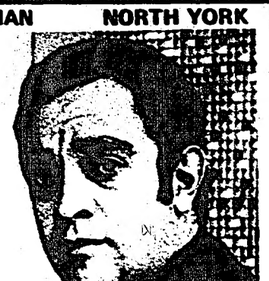

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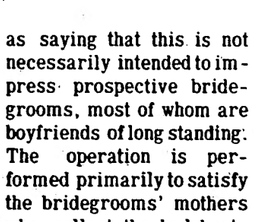

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Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Wouldn't it be nice to have a Sunday morning bagel and lox breakfast delivered to your door? Well, last Sunday several Toronto families received lox-boxes – bagels, lox cheese and jam – prepared, delivered and served by members of the local chapter of CARIH (Children's Asthma Research Institute and Hospital). All in all, about 200 breakfasts were served by the 15-member group to raise funds for the care and treatment of asthmatic children at the hospital in Denver, Colorado. It costs $6,000 to treat one child for a year and the children, representing every race and religion from all over the world, stay from 18 to 24 months.

ART SHOW AND AUCTION

Adath Israel Synagogue's sixth annual art show and auction of oils, watercolors, sculpture and graphics is set for Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 – 11 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3, from 2-11 p.m. with the auction time 8 p.m. A special new feature is boutiques with ceramics, wire art, jewellery and wall hangings.

ALL YOU WANTED TO KNOW. . . .

A seminar on sex, the second session of the health education series presented by the Women's Auxiliary of New Mount Sinai Hospital, takes place in the hospital auditorium Wednesday, Dec. 6. Panelists will be Dr. Roland Suran, obstetrician and gynecologist; Dr. Bernard Fogel, general practitioner; and Dr. Ruth Easser, psychiatrist. A complimentary lunch will be served at 1 p.m. and the lecture is at 1:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S LIB – JEWISH STYLE

Women's Liberation and the Jewish Experience: In School and at Home will be the topic of discussion at the United Synagogue Day School Parents Association meeting Monday, Dec. 4. The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue and features a film and talk by Ms. Paula Hyman, of Ezrat Nashim, a Jewish feminist organization.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Montreal Symphony Orchestra saluted Israel's 25th anniversary last week with the presentation of Ernest Bloch's compelling **Schlomo**. The special selection was also sponsored by Hadassah-Wizo with Consul-General David Ephrati and Mrs. Ephrati as guests of honor.

VISITING PROFESSOR

Beth Tzedec Synagogue's Visiting Professor program features Professor Uri Raanan, specialist in international relations at the Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy, on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8:30 p.m. in the board room. His topic – **Israeli Ideas on a Peace Settlement.**

ENCYCLOPAEDIA AVAILABLE

The 15-volume Encyclopaedia Judaica, which contains 25,000 articles, more than 8,000 illustrations and is the product of more than 2,500 editors, contributors and researchers, is now available in Toronto. Information may be obtained by writing Mrs. Gerry Zimmerman at 2382 Dundas St. W.

FOR BARGAIN HUNTERS

Everything for the family – food, clothing, furniture – will be found at the annual bazaar being sponsored by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood on Tuesday, Dec. 5. And you may be lucky enough to win a portable television set, one of the many door prizes. The all-day sale, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., is being held at the synagogue, Elder St., Downsview.

PROCEEDS FOR ISRAEL

Akim of Toronto is having their annual dance at North Bathurst Talmud Torah on Sunday, Dec. 2 from 8:30 p.m. Akim helps mentally retarded children in Israel. For tickets call Bernice Buchbinder at 635-6083.

SISTERHOOD REVITALIZED

More than 250 persons attended the fashion show hosted by Torah Emeth Sisterhood at their synagogue on Viewmount Ave. last Wednesday evening. The new reorganized sisterhood, headed by Mary Korolnek (her dress salon supplied the fashions for the show) plans to organize weekend youth group activities for Jewish youngsters in the neighborhood.

POSTPONEMENT

Due to pressure of upcoming school examinations, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization **Monte Carlo Night Saturday** has been postponed until later this year.

Non-Jew writes Festival poem

TORONTO –

A non-Jewish psychologist, "shocked by the persecution being visited upon Jewish citizens of the USSR wishing to emigrate to Israel," has written a poem to commemorate Chanukah this year.

Ed Campbell of Waterloo, Ont., wrote the poem in a letter to former colleague Alex Bellan of Toronto. In his letter, Campbell said the Soviet persecution is "especially tragic at the time of Chanukah when religious freedom is celebrated.

Here is the poem:

The Feast of Lights

Come O sons of Abraham,
Sound the shofar, horn of ram:

Now begin the eight day feast,
Turn in spirit to the East.

There the mighty Maccabee
Kept the Hebrew spirit free.

Chanukah – The Feast of Lights:
May they burn forever bright.

Mrs. Morris Zweig (centre) last week received the rarely-bestowed Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award at an Israel Bond women's division luncheon. Mrs. Mark Levy (right), a former recipient of the award, paid tribute to "the unique and inspiring qualities of leadership Betty Zweig possesses which has helped bring about the amazing success story of Toronto's women's division over the past two decades." With Mrs. Zweig and Mrs. Levy is Mrs. Shmuel Ovnat, wife of Israel's Consul General.

Goldberg praises Jews in Diaspora

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO –

Israel's greatest source of strength lies in the support she receives from the world Jewish community, Arthur Goldberg told an overflow audience at Beth Tzedec Synagogue last week.

The distinguished former United States Supreme Court Justice and Ambassador to the United Nations made a flying visit to Toronto to deliver an address at the State of Israel Bond Award dinner.

To help support the State of Israel to live in peace and dignity free from threat of force, was a common concern for Jews and non-Jews, Goldberg said.

"The biggest obstacle to a Middle East peace is the unwillingness of Arab states to recognize Israel as a sovereign state.

"The conflict could be settled if Arab leaders would consent to negotiate directly with Israel," he continued. "We are no longer in a period when great nations can impose their will on small countries. . . . I know of no situation in history where victor and vanquished did not sit down to negotiate a settlement. The time for arms is over . . . the time for peace has come."

The award presented to Beth Tzedec commemorates the 25th Anniversary of Israel's independence and honors the congregation for the outstanding effort made in the sale of State of Israel bonds.

Donald Lipman, general chairman, State of Israel Bonds Toronto, who presented the award, said that 1,403 members of Beth Tzedec pledged an all-time high of $606,000 in 1972, making that synagogue the pacesetter for North America.

To date over $10,000,000 has been pledged in bond purchases throughout Toronto.

Arthur Goldberg (left), former U.S. Supreme Court justice, chats with External Affairs Minister Sharp during Israel Bond award dinner at Beth Tzedec. (Photo by Gadi Hoz)

B'nai B'rith Lodge clowns it up

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO –

Laugh, clown laugh could very well be the theme for Manor Metropolitan Lodge of B'nai B'rith. In fact, the lodge is often referred to as the clown lodge. Why? Because several of the members, dressed as clowns, make monthly visits to the Ontario Hospital School in Orillia for Retarded Children, besides other visits to other hospitals for handicapped children.

The project has been in existence for the past eight years and the clowns are also on call to any organization wishing help in their own programs involving handicapped children. Many Toronto B'nai B'rith lodges and chapters have been using their services.

Of course the clowns are by no means professionals in the field. They do not perform magic or elaborate on the art. All they do is mingle with the children and try to make them laugh.

David Little, the lodge's publicity chairman, told **The CJN** "Above all, the clowns make the children believe that a clown has come to visit them personally."

One of their latest all-out efforts was in connection with the recent 48-hour Telethon for cripplied children on Channel 9. The clowns were on hand for the entire 48 hours, working in shifts.

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Rabbi Henry Hoschander is being formally installed as spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue this Sunday evening. The installation, combined with Chanukah celebrations, takes place at a gala congregational dinner with **Rabbi Leon Stitskin** of Yeshiva University as installing officer.

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Bernard Tellez with Toovia

Twenty-five-year-old **Bernard Tellez**, an American of Spanish and Indian background, is the face behind the **Shalom** program's irreverent student puppet, **Toovia**. Toovia studies Hebrew with show regular **Noemi Lieberman**, a teacher by profession (she teaches Hebrew at Keren Hatarbut). Noemi, who was born in Tripoli, spent many years in Israel and is fluent in Hebrew, Yiddish and Italian. Bernard comes to the show with experience both in acting and directing in children's theatre and was affiliated with the children's mime theatre in Toronto.

Noemi Lieberman

At the recent annual meeting of Camp B'nai B'rith in Montreal, **William Spinder** was re-elected to a first-time-ever fourth term as president.

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It was a very special party for a very special occasion and all his family and contemporaries were at the Hamilton Community Centre last Saturday evening to wish **Percy King** a very happy 70th birthday. Mr. King is president of the Jubilee Club and active in many organizations – he is known to the Hamilton community as the man no one ever has to ask twice! A candle lighting ceremony honoring his many years of involvement in the Jewish community was specially written for the occasion by his daughter **Barbara Pollack.**

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Simon Meretsky heads Windsor's 1973 UJA campaign with associate chairmen **Dr. Bernard Lyons** and **William Silver.** Mr. Meretsky, long involved in many areas of the community, has held leadership positions in B'nai B'rith, Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue and the Windsor Jewish Community Council.

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Formerly with the Ida Kaminska Theatre Group in Poland and now performing in Yiddish and Hebrew theatre in Israel, **Hadassah Kestein** is appearing as guest artist at the annual Chanukah celebration of the Israel Histadrut campaign Thursday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, Codsell Ave.

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Madame Pierre Laporte, widow of the slain Quebec labor minister, is in Israel as a special guest, with a Canadian Hadassah-Wizo mission led by national president **Neri Bloomfield.**

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Winnipeg's **Ruth Druxerman** was elected national president of Women's Canadian ORT at its recent biennial convention. She succeeds Rosaline Stotland of Montreal.

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Youth director of Shaare Zedek Congregation **Florence Brown** has accepted the position of youth director for the United Synagogue Youth Clubs in the Eastern Canada region. She will be working in cooperation with **Rabbi Yaacov Rone** of London, Ont., director of Ontario-Eastern Canada USY. In addition to assisting each individual congregation to develop its own USY program, Mrs. Brown is planning a varied program of inter-congregational activities.

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Iraq's harsh treatment of its Jews calls for indictment by free world

No fairminded person denies that injustices have been done to Palestinian refugees, but those who are loud in their denunciation of the Jewish state should save some of their indignation for Iraq.

In this savage, primitive land, the few hundred Jews remaining are being subjected to yet another wave of persecution. In recent weeks, eight leaders of the Baghdad Jewish community have been abducted, apparently by the dread secret police, and have been imprisoned without charges. One was found murdered very shortly after his disappearance.

Once again we see a tiny fragment of humanity subjected to shocking indignities. This new pogrom is all the more incomprehensible because there were faint signs that the authorities were liberalizing their harsh restrictions against the Jewish ghetto dwellers. There were reports that some Jews were being permitted to wind up their affairs and leave the country.

But these signs of decency have disappeared, if they ever in truth existed, and the obscenities of anti-Semitism envelope the hapless Jews who have been stripped of the few rights they possessed and who find themselves hounded by vengeful tormentors.

What is happening in Iraq is happening in other Arab lands where Jews are persecuted for being Jews, if not physically, certainly in violation of the human spirit. Yet the Christian world appears to pay little attention to their plight. With few exceptions, Christian leadership has presented an indifferent posture to the continuing tragedy of a few thousand Jews in Arab countries.

The United Nations and individual world governments should move with all dispatch to bring pressure on the government of Iraq to allow its Jewish nationals to emigrate. Humanitarian grounds dictate this course, and Diaspora Jews, too, who have done such a magnificent job in alerting the world to the persecution of Russian Jewry, should widen their activities to include the suffering Jews of Iraq.

We hear little of what goes on in Iraq, but enough information trickles out to indicate the dimensions of this tragedy. Only a few hundred souls are involved, it is true, but it is lives, not numbers, that are all-important. The hour is late, and we must marshal as much of the world's conscience as we can reach, if oblivion is not to be the fate of these victims of hate.

U.S. vote of more than a million for anti-Semite called alarming

The fact that a notorious anti-Semite was able to garner more than one million votes as a U.S. presidential candidate of the American Party, is alarming evidence that hostility to Jews is on the rise south of the border.

It is unlikely that many Canadians have ever heard of John Schmitz. He and his running mate, Tom Anderson, campaigned in the presidential elections on a platform of virulent anti-Semitism, the kind that found favor with anti-Semites half a century ago. And more than one million citizens of the United States accepted the garbage they spewed and voted for them.

Conditions in Canada are not conducive to what the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith calls "a marked increase in the scope of American anti-Jewish activities, incidents, organizations and publications." But we should not delude ourselves into thinking that it can't happen here. Not on the scale of the U.S. experience, of course, but if past experience is of any significance, what is happening in the republic will spill over the border.

Jewish security in the open society of the west is vulnerable to many influences and today we find the anti-Jewish propaganda mills turning out their hate literature in increasing volume. Much of it is disguised as "anti-Zionist" and "anti-Israel," but the message comes through ominiously loud and clear. The use of these euphemisms is a cloak for virulent anti-Semitism.

Much of the propaganda flooding the United States comes from Arab and Soviet sources. It follows the old line of depicting Jewry as having entered into a conspiracy to gain financial control of the world. The Moscow-inspired canards are outdone in language by the outrageous propaganda sent out by Arab sources. An ADL investigation in depth shows that this stream of hate has found its way into U.S. universities, lecture circuits and the mass media.

The massacre of the Israeli athletes at Munich sent instant shock waves throughout the civilized world, yet today, only a few months since it happened, the well-financed campaign to turn U.S. opinion against Judaism is more intense, more savage and more blatant than at any time in recent years. The ADL study revealed that some of the post-Munich comment by respected commentators in the press, television and radio fields and among some clergymen played down the savagery of the terrorists and stressed the phony "root causes" that supposedly led to the bloodbath.

The social unrest that plagues our neighbor to the south differs in kind from our own domestic upheavals. Our recent federal election campaign had no counterpart of the U.S. Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party which campaigned on anti-Semitic platforms. The SWP called for the total destruction of Israel, nothing less. It is significant that the far Right no longer has a monopoly of modern-day anti-Semitism. Extremists of the far Left are equally dedicated to spreading the gospel of hate.

The Canadian election campaign was a somewhat dull affair, perhaps even more so than most, which is saying a lot, but religious discord was entirely absent from the hustings, and we can take comfort from this fact. We have our own racists to contend with, but they are no more than a lunatic fringe with only a handful of followers.

The task of all men and women of goodwill, Jew and Gentile, is to open new and meaningful channels of communication; to expose the hatemongers, to the end that we avoid the turmoil and stress presently convulsing the U.S. scene.

Nixon's win brings unease

By ROYSTON ALLEN
(From our Tel Aviv Bureau)

TEL AVIV –

Underlying most Israeli reactions to the landslide re-election of U.S. President Nixon was a strong undercurrent of fear that the United States may now get tough with Israel, that Mr. Nixon may try to bolster his reputation as an international peacemaker in the Middle East at Israel's expense.

Hints that American peace initiative in the area was about to begin again, came when U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers called for a swift implementation of the UN security council resolution 242, which he interprets as calling for withdrawal of Israeli forces from areas conquered in the Six Day War of 1967. Rogers also referred to the desirability of Israel and Egypt reaching some form of interim agreement - troops to be pulled back from the Suez Canal and the disputed waterway to be reopened.

The Labor Party newspaper **Davar** which normally reflects government thinking said "While such (U.S.) initiative may increase the differences of opinion between Israel and the U.S., the friendship between both countries will hopefully overcome obstacles in the future, as in the past."

The American administration will be 'free' to deal with the Middle East problem, commented the Hebrew daily **Maariv** now that the Viet Nam war is about to be solved.

"But even though we have no reason to assume that President Nixon will abandon his support of Israel, the statements made by Secretary of State Rogers about our region two days before the election are a timely warning that we have to be on guard," the paper said.

A more hopeful note was struck by another paper **Yediot Aheronot**, which referred to Nixon as one who "has bound himself with unequivocal obligations" towards Israel that he could not possibly violate.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Deputy Premier Yigal Allon will both be following in Defence Minister Dayan's wake and heading for Washington for talks with Rogers in December. They are all expected to stress that Israel is very interested in continuing good relations with the U.S. and in seeing American policy remain unchanged for another four years.

Political analysts here point out that the strong swing in Jewish votes for Nixon came as a direct result of his handling of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Tami Haz, six-year-old daughter of CJN photographer Gadi Hoz, contemplates the meaning of Chanukah, the Festival of Lights now being celebrated. (Photo by Gadi Hoz)

Spirit of Maccabees of old revived by today's Israel

By DR. ALEXANDER BROWN

More than 2,100 years ago Judea lay prostrate under the heel of a tyrant. Antiochus, ruler of Syria and other Asiatic lands, had forbidden the observance of Judaism; had sought by force to impose upon the Jewish people alien customs. Greek culture and the worship of Greek idols.

Refusing to submit to the destruction of their religion and culture, an old man, the priest Mattathias from the farming village of Modein and his five sons raised the banner of revolt.

After a series of victories in battle, Judah the Maccabean and his followers entered Jerusalem. They rededicated the temple which had been defiled by the Syrians and rekindled the temple Menorah.

Jewish tradition relates that during the dedication ceremony the miracle of the lights occurred, whereby the pure uncontaminated oil from a small cruse, found in an antechamber of the temple, which was sufficient only for one day, kept the Menorah alight for eight days.

The Maccabees and Chanukah have come to represent heroism, both military and spiritual, the bravery of a minority within the ranks of a subjugated people who found articulation in the voice of an old man. The Hasmonean family by their example and readiness for sacrifice galvanized a conquered people to fight against heavy odds, and to achieve an incredible victory.

This year we observe Chanukah during the 25th anniversary celebration of the new State of Israel. In our day the Maccabean spirit has come to life again, in Israel's war of liberation, in the Sinai campaign, in the uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto; in the Six Day War. It lived in the officers of Israel's defence army who moved at the head of their troops to face the enemy where the danger was greatest, and in the hearts of the rank and file who inspired by the bravery and simplicity of their commanders, struck a swift crushing blow against more numerous, better armed adversaries.

The rise of the Hasmoneans took place in the face of the heavy oppression of Antiochus. The resurgence of the Maccabean spirit today has followed a similar pattern. It came on the heels of the greatest persecution in Jewish history. Compared to the unprecedented savagery of Nazism, the Antiochus of antiquity seems rather pale, barely a candidate for an oppressors' hall of infamy.

In a sense, all of Israel today may be compared to the miraculous Maccabean "Cruse of oil" and the ancient Menorah. Small, and with meagre resources, the little country is expected to sustain a growing population, and as Achad Haam would have wished it, to provide a light for all the Jewish people in the lands of their dispersion.

Surely this seems a task beyond its capacity. Yet, somehow, despite the many inimical and angry winds which seek to extinguish it and which have persuaded many it cannot last, the light has been burning for 25 years, and it continues to grow brighter.

We believe that the light must increase in Jewish life; that we must kindle lights not only in our Chanukah lamps, but in the hearts of our children, in increasingly larger numbers of our teenagers and young people, until, to quote the great Biblical commentator Rashi, "the flame will rise and burn of itself." (Numbers 8.)

During the long history of the Chanukah Festival Jewish craftsmen have fashioned various types of menorahs. They have made them of clay, silver, gold, copper and brass. They have decorated them in many imaginative, intricate designs, and with consummate skill. But the menorah itself, as a symbol, has remained constant.

The term shamus ordinarily refers to the humble sexton of the synagogue who attends to the wants of the worshippers. In connection with Chanukah it applies to the candle which serves to light the others.

There are those in Jewish life who devote themselves to "kindling the light of Jewishness" among our people, be it the communal leader who equips himself intellectually and Jewishly, and seeks by his efforts to preserve Jewish values; be it the rabbi who directs his talents and energy towards keeping the "Ner Tamid" burning within his congregation; the Jewish parent who by personal example and by providing adequate schooling seeks to guide and prepare his child for Jewish living; or the Jewish educator who truly dedicates himself to his sacred calling.

All of them are "servants of the light" and in the words of Theodor Herzl, "no office is more blessed than that of a servant of the light."

Dr. Brown is associate director of the Board of Jewish Education.

Reaction to Chartrand assailed

By RUTH HERMAN

TORONTO –

On November 16 Michel Chartrand, the Quebec labor leader, was invited to the University of Toronto by the Arab Students' Union to talk on his recent visit to the Middle East. Unfortunately, any intelligent, indeed intelligible, discussion was inhibited from the outset by demagoguery on the one hand and unwarranted, vicious, downright stupid attacks on the other.

The Zionist fanaticism from both young and old was embarrassing, to say the least. The racist, chauvinist, bigoted remarks that emanated from most of the Jews present not only served no useful purpose, but also, I am sure, did much harm to the cause of Israel.

To be fair, it must be said also that Chartrand's personality is such that he feeds on an incensed hostile crowd and ends up spewing words which can easily be used to destroy any validity or credibility he might otherwise have attained.

As to the substance of Chartrand's remarks (which, of course, came out distorted and misrepresented in the bourgeois press), the main points he stressed were:

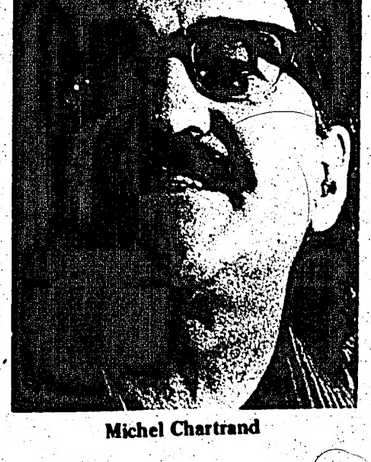
– he is against the oppression of any people, be they Vietnamese, Algerian or Palestinian;

– three million Palestinian people have the right to self-determination;

– no justification can be found for Israelis who terrorize and steal the land of the Palestinians;

– Israel should return to its original borders and end its imperialist aggression with the aid of the imperialist countries of the world.

Not once did Chartrand say that the state of Israel should be destroyed; in fact, at one point early in the evening, he clearly said that he feels that the state of Israel should exist for the Jews. This statement, which could barely be heard over the din, was conveniently overlooked time and time again.



Michel Chartrand

Of course Chartrand's declarations of support for the Arab commando forces, including their outrageous terrorist activities, must be wholeheartedly condemned. In his more rational moments I think Chartrand would hesitate to make such ridiculous statements as "the Palestinian commandos in Munich were heroes." He seems unable, however, to hold back in his excitement and discuss rationally the whole question of terrorism.

In fact, as stated above, any rational and serious dialogue on the important question of the Middle East was doomed. As a Canadian Jew, I feel compelled to further condemn my fellow Jews in attendance. The shouting and screaming of obscenities by the ardent Zionists and their inability to even try to listen to what was being said led only to bitter reaction by the rest of the audience. They came to disrupt, and in that they succeeded.

My fear is that this kind of display might result in a change of attitude by the Arabs and others present from in their minds legitimate anti-Zionism (to which some Jews also ascribe) to anti-Semitism. This is truly a sad state of affairs because those 100 disrupters do not represent our Jewish community and they do harm to the historically progressive image of the Jewish people.

As a Canadian I was appalled at the anti-French, anti-Quebec sloganeering and red-baiting from some Jews in the audience.

ask the rabbi

Oracles' source is mysterious

1. What were the urim ve-tumim? Do present-day Jews accept the oracular powers ascribed to them in the Bible?

RESPONSE:

Although there are a number of references in the Bible to the urim tumim and from these it is clear that they were oracular, no information is provided regarding their precise nature or the way they functioned. In the Talmud (Yoma 73b) it is said that certain letters shone forth with a miraculous light to form words, but it is none too clear what exactly is intended. It is as difficult to discover the opinions of such a nebulous entity as "present-day Jews" as to discover the nature of the urim ve-tumim. I would hazard a guess that many modern Jews would have an open mind on this kind of question, a question that hardly affects contemporary Jewish beliefs and practices.

The medieval philosopher, Chasdai Crescas (1340-1410), makes a distinction between fundamental principles of the Jewish faith, without which Judaism would be inconceivable, and "true opinions", without a belief in which the Jewish faith would be quite conceivable but which are none the less binding upon Jews. To the latter class belongs the belief that the high priest had the oracle of the urim ve-tumim. Apart from Crescas, no prominence is given in Jewish theological thought to the question of the urim ve-tumim.

2. Where and how did the Hebrew language originate?

RESPONSE:

On the fundamentalist view, the Hebrew language originated with God. It was the original tongue spoken by Adam and is really not a human language at all but a divine method of communication. There is the story of the old lady who began to learn Hebrew because, she said, when she went to heaven she wished to be able to speak to God in his own language! According to the Jewish mystics, the Hebrew letters are not arbitrary symbols but represent the divine potencies by means of which God created the world. Thus when God combined, as it were, those spiritual forces on high represented here on earth by the letters alef, vav, resh, forming the word or (light), then light came into being. This is the meaning of God saying "Let there be light."

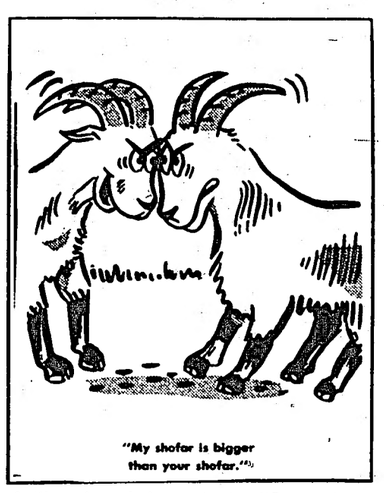
But from the scholarly point of view it is clear that Hebrew is one of the ancient Semitic languages, with Arabic and Aramaic, for instance, as its sister languages bearing the strongest resemblances to Hebrew. The problem of how the Semitic languages developed is part of the more general problem of the spread of languages. Some scholars have postulated the existence of a primitive Semitic language out of which all Semitic languages grew.

Mania of bigness, wealth, distorts our values

By J. B. SALSBERG

My recent column marking the 10th yortzeit of the late Sam Kronick brought an unusually large number of comments and observations from readers. They were, in the main, expressions of appreciation for the tribute paid to a beloved community leader of another day. But more than a few of those who contacted me complained - and some did it with bitterness - that we no longer judge leadership qualities by a person's character, principles and dedication but by his pocket book. Some of these reactions disturbed me and I promised to deal with them. So here goes. . . .

We all tend to idealize aspects of the past. Much of such idealizations are often unwarranted. It is unfortunately true that wealth exercises undue authority at all times. Our own Jewish communities were no exception throughout the ages. This explains the unending struggles between the haves and have-nots in ancient Israel and all through the Dispersion. In fact our noblest Jewish ethical literature - beginning with the prophets - is an expression of just such conflicts. The most important lesson of the past is, therefore, not to idealize the imperfect past but to never cease the battle for changing and improving the present and the future.



"My shofar is bigger than your shofar."

(with acknowledgements to "Open Your Mouth and Say OY", by Henry Leonard)

Having said that, one must also acknowledge that the earlier Jewish settlements in Canada were definitely more democratically run than they are now. An individual's character and beliefs far outweighed his financial worth. But that was so because we were largely a classless society at that stage of our existence here. Most of our pioneers were poor and motivated by the same interests and aims. But that social relationship has changed sharply since then.

What is perhaps more apropos is the fact that fund raising has become a most crucial necessity. Colossal funds are required annually for Israel, for the Jewish needy in many lands and for the expanding services at home. In such circumstances the "big giver" has gained a place of unprecedented importance and this is often accompanied by the sidetracking or neglect of persons of high cultural and ethical worth.

All this has created an environment that is less than attractive. Business methods often smother social and national values. Social climbers and commercial hangers-on are often behaving in a more crass fashion than do the "big givers". (I know of cases where such overzealous camp followers had to be put in their place by the very men of financial substance whom they were trying to please.) But the overall atmosphere is one that should cause much concern.

In an age of big business, the mania of bigness has penetrated many areas of Jewish life. Big, bigger, biggest has become a devouring criteria. Bigger houses, bigger cars, bigger yachts, bigger swimming pools have become goals towards which too many rush with neck-breaking recklessness. Also, too many judge people solely by the measure of material bigness and are ready to accord places of prominence on the basis of such attainments. Woe to him whom misfortune has caused to lose such measurable attainments! The roads are strewn with rejected or withdrawn communal celebrities whom fortune rejected. . . . And this bigger-than-thou mania has crept into our institutional life as well. It ranges from the synagogues down.

Is there need to strive for a return to a more basic concept of values to which Sam Kronick's friends referred in their talks with me? There surely is such a need, an urgent need. It can perhaps be best illustrated with a profoundly wise comment made by a truly great Chassidic Rabbi, Rabbi Mendel of Kotzk, more than a century ago.

A Kotzker disciple once asked Rabbi Mendel which of two rabbis was bigger. Rabbi Mendel replied as follows: "If I am I because I am I, and you are you because you are you, then I am I and you are you. But if I am I because you are you and you are you because I am I, then I am not I and you are not you." How true!

Israel is making Jeremiah's prophecy come true

By ELIAHU SOREK

MOSHAV HOSEN -

Standing before the settlers of Moshav Hosen and impressed with the mighty work they had done, a question, born of the consequences of all I had seen, arose in my mind.

"And at night, what do you do?" I asked them.

Looking into my eyes, smiling, Moshe and Luna Arwini answered in one voice: "We play dominoes."

Holding in their net-bags an enormous watermelon, a fragrant northern melon and a bit of meat, the two oldtimers were returning from Nahariya, the honeymoon city full of horse-drawn carriages, near the Mediterranean Sea. As all of us were exhausted by the long trip over the winding roads through the mountainous country, the Arwinis invited us into the garden of their home almost 500 metres above sea level.

Like so many other North African Jews, the Arwinis emigrated right after Israel's Independence, leaving behind their home in the Jewish Quarter of Ben Jemed, near Casablanca. And like thousands of European Jews who survived the Holocaust, the Arwinis lived for a long time in immigrant camps before settling in Moshav Dishon.

Then, in 1957 they joined the founders of Moshav Hosen. They were allotted a house and chicken coops. The coops stood on land that had been levelled off by Jewish National Fund technicians, as were the roads leading to the homes and poultry runs. After the JNF bulldozers had removed the rocks and brush, every family received small plots of land on which to plant fruit trees.

All the wealth of Moshe and Luna Arwini consists of six dunams of land, which add up to less than six thousand square meters . . . and that "real estate" is divided into: one dunam (about 1/2 acre) for the house lot, the garden and the chicken coops; two dunams are set aside for tobacco plantations, which are at times worked on a partnership basis with their Arab neighbors; and three dunams for fruit trees (peaches and plums generally).

"In the beginning," Moshe said, "the Jewish National Fund helped us in the improvement of the land with the idea of planting olive and peach trees." This is easier said than done, as the difficulty lies not only in the maintenance of the land, but in the clearing of the rocks and stony sub-soil in the land's initial preparation."

Like other Galilee "mountain people" they work in the industrial centres that are rising around the cities because they cannot subsist as fulltime farmers. Nevertheless, that harsh land somehow has a remedy. The Negev and the wastes of the Arava in the southwest of Israel, looked like deserts without hope 25 years ago. Today, you can walk into the most famous supermarkets in London and buy winter melons "produced in Israel," in the moshavim of the Arava or the Negev kibbutzim, and many other vegetables that are non-existent in the European winter.

Israel's size and its peculiar geo-political straightjacket in the Middle East, drives its people to utilize every single scrap, corner and acre of land. Israel is involved in a metallurgical miracle - the very alchemy of changing lead into gold, and rocks into fields; and verily the prophecy of Jeremiah can come true: " . . . as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river. . . ."

Absorption centre opens door wide to brighter future

By BERNARD SHUMAN

JERUSALEM -

Somewhere in between yesterday and tomorrow, there is the absorption centre.

The way of life left behind is the past, whether it was in Russia, Argentina or the United States, not to be forgotten but remembered.

The future is a personal dream of Israel, on the threshold of reality, on the brink of being fulfilled.

But the absorption centre is now, the present, the transitional period where you can't survive on memories and you can reach out but can't quite grasp the expectations.

The absorption centre is the vital link between yesterday and tomorrow, a stopgap thoughtfully provided by the Jewish Agency for new immigrants. This is where Jewish people from virtually all corners of the globe converge to wait impatiently for their new lives to begin as citizens of the Jewish homeland, Israel.

Everyone is a stranger here, and yet, nobody is alone. Nobody rushes, because hurrying gets one nowhere, only more frustrations as the waiting period for permanent housing, employment and learning the Hebrew language extends into another day.

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Soccer boom leads to decision to erect $5 million stadium

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT -

Jerusalem's cultural life will soon be complete, for in addition to its beautiful new museum and theatre, it will also have, according to an announcement made this week, a 23,000-seat soccer stadium.

While this new facility, to be built at a cost of $6 million in rapidly developing East Jerusalem, will be Israel's most modern stadium, it will not be the largest. The one in Ramat Gan, where most international matches are held, seats 60,000 people.

However, most Israelis watch games at small, spartan grounds. Here in Rehovot, for example, there is seating for 5,000 spectators - if they are squeezed very closely together on the rough wooden grandstands which line either side of the playing field. Yet every Saturday the fans are on hand to cheer Rehovot's two nationally-known clubs, both of which draw their players primarily from its Yemenite neighborhoods.

The children of Yemenite families, who came from a country where soccer and other organized sports were unknown, have shown an extraordinary talent for the game. Even Yemenite-rabbis have become fans, and offer up victory prayers, even though the contests take place on (and in violation of) the Sabbath.

There is at least one similarity between a soccer stadium and an Orthodox synagogue: both are dominated by the male sex. Grandstands here, unlike those in the U.S., are populated almost exclusively by men.

So if it is a hot Saturday, "the boys" pull off their shirts and wrap them around their heads like Bedouin kefiyas to keep off the sun. And when the referee rules against their team, they burst out with a rapid-fire stream of unprintable invective. Young fans are likely to cast aspersions on the referee's ancestry in general and on his mother in particular. If they really get heated up, they may start throwing bottles, which could account for the fact that soft drinks, at least in Rehovot, are sold at the field in plastic containers.

Other refreshments available include ice cream and, most popular of all, sunflower seeds. The average fan keeps popping them into his mouth, and spitting out the shells, all game long, so that when it is over the stands are one thick, crackling carpet of debris.

The matches themselves are played with great fervor and limited artistry. Soccer is still, theoretically, an amateur sport, though many players are actually semi-professionals with regular salaries. However, since they don't make much money here, the best join teams in Western Europe, and local standards suffer accordingly.

But with the erection of large new stadiums, and the growing demand for open professionalism, perhaps Israeli stars will eventually find it just as profitable to play in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv as they do now in Berlin and Amsterdam.

Letter
Rabbi criticizes CJN editorial

Dear Editor:

I would like to put on record the criticism given orally regarding your editorial "Innocuous Slight Situation Comedy Not Seen As Threat To Jewish Survival" in the edition of Friday, Nov. 17.

I am convinced that the program Bridget Loves Bernie does a disservice to the Jewish and Catholic religions.

The Canadian Jewish News should not in any way or form express such views even though it is treated with light humor. All it does is give support to those who would say intermarriage is not so terrible, especially if the end result will be as your editorial suggested "She will become a good member of B'nai B'rith and President of her Hadassah Chapter". It is far too serious a topic to be treated in this flippant manner.

Editorial objectivity should not support weak-minded young Jews and their families to rationalize and accept situations which can be a threat to Jewish survival. I would prefer that you save your humor in your editorials for situations that have to be brought out into the open for serious consideration. The question of intermarriage is too delicate to be handled in this manner.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue
Toronto

THE MANY DIFFERENT FACES OF ISRAEL

These are some of the people who make up a vibrant Israel society - politicians, scientists, educators, students, lawyers, entertainers - a cross section of the nation itself. Here is the numbered key to their identity: (1), Avraham Shlonsky, famous Hebrew poet, recently honored by Tel Aviv University. (2), Naomi Ben Gur, 20, who has had many articles published in the Israeli press, wants to become a famous journalist. (3), 17-year-old Edith Neuman plays piano and guitar, has ambitions to be a songwriter. (4), Moshe Dubiner, at 14-1/2, is the youngest student ever enrolled at the University of Tel Aviv. He is in the near-genius category. (5), Professor Herman Branover, a professor of hydronamic physics, paid 31,000 in ransom tax before he was allowed to leave Russia for Israel. He is shown with his wife and child at Lydda Airport. Prof. Branover is said to have been granted a visa after representations on his behalf were made by Henry Kissinger, President Nixon's foreign affairs advisor. (6), A new officer of the Women's Corps, with her brothers and sisters. (7), Yaakov Shapira, who resigned as Minister of Justice, is back to his post. (8), Shulamit Alon is a lawyer and journalist who campaigns against government bureaucracy and inefficiency. (9), Ilanit is a well known Israeli singer who has won applause in Israel and abroad. (10), Abdul Aziz El Zuabi, lives in Nazareth, belongs to Mapalm and is Deputy Minister of Health. (11), Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, at a recent Tel Aviv University convocation. (12), Dr. George S. Wise, Chancellor of Tel Aviv University, honored for his work here and outside Israel.

By day he deals with Tel Aviv's garbage; Nights find him absorbed in painting

TEL AVIV (IPPA) –

Every afternoon at 2:30 sharp, this city's sanitation commissioner leaves the garbage behind and goes home to his love of 22 years – painting.

For 44-year-old Yosef Gadal, "a feeling to paint" began in 1950 when, during a stay in hospital, he read a book by Winston Churchill on painting as a hobby.

The British statesman instructed aspiring artists to simply lay the colors they find most pleasing on the canvas.

Gadal accepted the advice without reservation and has been covering the walls of his home with his pictures, ever since.

An old-fashioned student of the realism school, Gadal says he doesn't care for minimalist, abstract or acrylic art – or even galleries and museums.

He paints for himself as a release, he says. And although he held a successful show here 10 years ago, he has no plans for another because he prefers not to sell his paintings.

Some of those paintings include a rendition of the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, done from memory, and a full sized portrait of a Russian postage stamp painted with the aid of a magnifying glass.

But for the grandfather of two, almost as satisfying as a completed picture is the knowledge that when he retires, leaving the garbage to some one else, he won't have to search for a hobby to occupy his free time.

Taking a break from the city's garbage, Tel Aviv's sanitation commissioner Yosef Gadal puts the finishing touchs on another one of his paintings. (IPPA Photo)

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Community Bulletin Board

NATHAN STARR, one of Canada's prominent business leaders whose efforts on behalf of providing investment loan capital for Israel has resulted in the sale of close to five million dollars in Israel Bonds to Jewish and non-Jewish corporations and business colleagues, was the recipient of the "Canada-Israel Corporate Inter-Faith Award" at an impressive Corporate Dinner sponsored by Acklands Limited on Sunday, November 19th at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Left to right: The Hon. Zvi Brosh, guest speaker; Nathan Starr, Mrs. Starr, Rabbi Dr. David Monson, Sidney Kline, Vice-President of Daylin, Inc.; Hyman Bessin, Dinner Chairman and Acklands President; and Samuel Blank, Chairman, Management Dinner Committee.

Among the pace-setting B'nai B'rith lodges in Toronto taking an active role in the 1972 Israel Bond Campaign is Upper Canada Lodge. In honor of Max Shecter, their Past President, and now Israel Commissioner for District #22, the lodge is sponsoring an Award Dinner on December 9th at Beth Sholom Synagogue, to climax this year's Israel Bond Campaign. Shown here at an advance sales reception hosted by Max Zuchter are, left to right (seated) Mr. Zuchter, Max Shecter, James M. Senor, Executive Director, State of Israel Bonds, Toronto; and Dr. Norman W. Shaul, Lodge Bond Chairman. Standing, Reg. Gilbert, President, and Hy Lampert, Dinner Chairman.

Recipient of the 1972 Israel Bond Award commemorating Israel's 25th Anniversary was Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation's Past President Harry Lerman, who was presented with the award at the congregation's annual Bond dinner on November 18th. Shown here, left to right, are: Nathan Arback, Israel Bond Chairman; Barney Barenholtz, President; Ira Hirschmann, guest speaker; Donald Lipman, General Chairman, Toronto Israel Bond Drive; Harry Lerman and Mrs. Lerman; and Rabbi Joseph H. Kelman.

JVS workshop shows growing concern for elderly

Close co-operation between a number of Toronto's Jewish agencies and the provincial government has made possible the Atlaz Industrial Centre, a sheltered workshop which will provide light industrial work for men and women over 60.

The new workshop, located immediately behind Baycrest Centre, was officially opened last week by Lawrence Crawford, of the Ontario ministry of community and social services.

Funded by the United Jewish Welfare Fund, Acme Paper Company – a subsidiary of Anglo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Mills Ltd. – the provincial government and private donors, the Atlaz project will be operated by the Jewish Vocational Service. Applicants for work are interviewed by JVS and the Jewish Family and Child Service. Land for the workshop, a prefabricated structure, was provided by Baycrest.

The workshop will be open five days a week and will eventually employ 50 men and women working half-days – 25 in the morning and 25 in the afternoon.

Harry L. Wolfson, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, declared at the opening that the project is significant because it symbolizes the new dimensions that can be attained in assisting the elderly. He expressed his pleasure at the community's growing concern for "non-youth" and he praised the "forward thinking" which resulted in this project.

Wolfson noted that the centre is one phase of an extensive program provided through the United Jewish Welfare Funds' Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly. He was hopeful that the program will result in a generation of happier senior citizens.

Louis Lockshin, chairman of the JVS workshop management committee, recalled that JVS has developed workshop programs for many years, starting in the basement at 150 Beverley Street, then expanding to its present premises on Tycos Drive. The new workshop "will show the way how and what we can do to keep the elderly productive," he said.

The United Jewish Welfare Fund has budgeted $11,000 for the operation of the Atlaz Centre during the balance of the current fiscal year.

Applicants desiring employment at the Atlaz Centre should contact the Jewish Vocational Service, phone 787-1151.

Workers at JVS's Atlaz Industrial Centre package crayons. (Photo by Gadi Hoz)

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In the last Civic Election almost no one west of Bathurst Street voted for the two Aldermen. They were elected by a mere handful of academics and intellectuals from the Avenue Road and Bloor Street areas.

This minority but noisy group ran under the socialist banner in the last Federal and Provincial Elections, but have identified themselves as "reformers" in this municipal election campaign.

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Interest-free loans provide many with fresh start

TORONTO –

Leon Neuschul is celebrating his 20th anniversary as executive director of Toronto Hebrew Re-Establishment Services and he is convinced he has one of the most gratifying jobs in the community.

THRS provides interest-free loans to needy residents of Toronto to tide them over a particularly difficult situation, or, often, to get them started in a small business. Loans are made to people who don't have access to the usual sources of credit and financing. For example, THRS recently made its first loan to a refugee from Uganda.

Leon Neuschul

Toronto Hebrew Re-Establishment Services operates on a non-sectarian basis and is an agency of the United Community Fund. The agency also administers the scholarships-in-aid program of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

Neuschul, who says proudly that there's a minimum of red tape involved in getting a loan, estimates that in the 20 years he has been with the agency it has loaned about $4 million to 10,000 families. Average loan runs at about $600, although the agency is authorized to grant personal loans of up to $1,000 and business loans up to $2,000.

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Business loans are granted for a wide variety of enterprises. One man, for example, wanted to set up a clothing alterations business and he needed a loan to buy a sewing machine. Another wanted to be a door-to-door pedlar and needed capital to buy merchandise. One client, who came to Canada penniless, borrowed $500 to buy a home-knitting machine and is now a successful manufacturer who is serving on the board of THRS.

Neuschul points out that many of the agency's former clients are now showing their gratitude for the help extended them by serving on the board and by contributing to the THRS loan fund. The fund, raised through private contributions, totals about $300,000.

In the case of the scholarships-in-aid program, THRS gets its working capital in the form of a loan from the United Jewish Welfare Fund. The 1972-73 budget provides for a loan of $9,600. Under this program Jewish students can make loans of up to $1,500 to cover tuition and books. These are supplementary loans and can be made only after other existing programs have been utilized by the student. No guarantors are required and repayment is made after graduation.

Toronto Hebrew Re-Establishment Services began 45 years ago as a g'milah chesid – free loan society. The free loan society idea is based on Jewish tradition that says the highest form of charity is to provide loans to help people help themselves.

Neuschul is particularly qualified to serve as executive director of THRS as he can converse with clients in seven languages. He came to Canada from Israel in 1952, having escaped from the Communists in Russia and then from Nazis in Germany.

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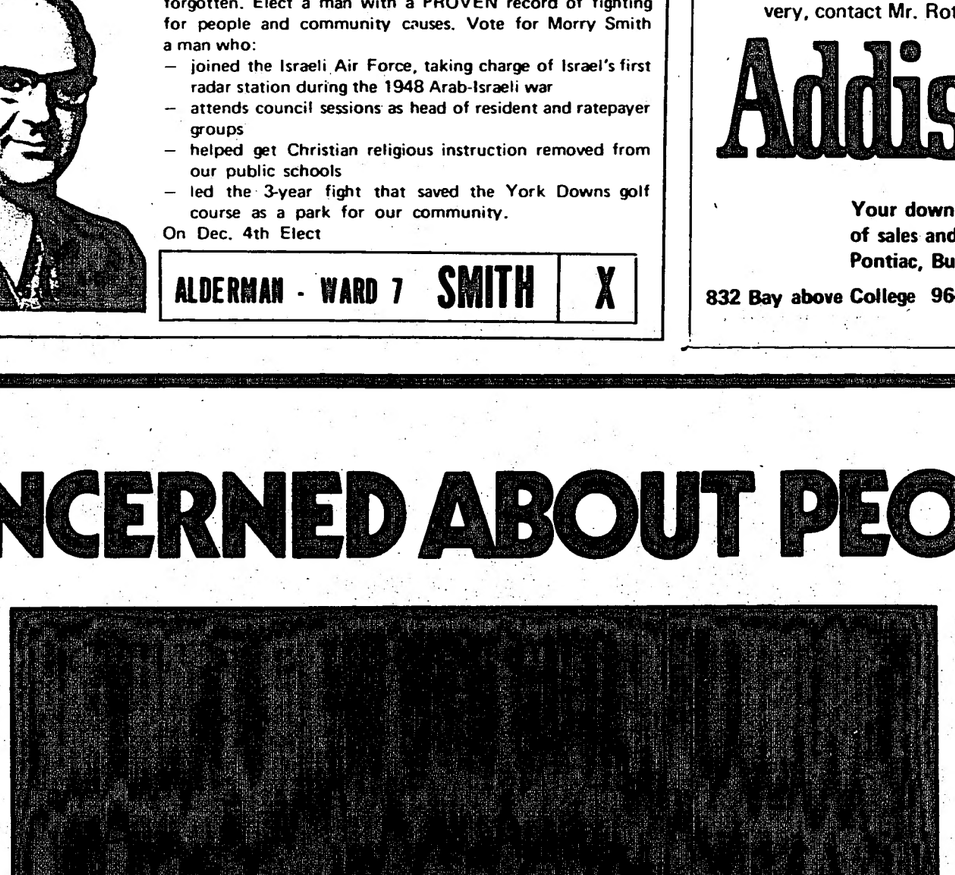
EDITORIALS November 15, 1972

"Lastman is a rough diamond. After three years in office he still has much to learn about municipal affairs. He lacks the sophistication and feel for parliamentary procedure we usually expect in senior politicians.

But he has qualities that far surpass these minor inadequacies. His personal honesty and integrity are above question. His sensitivity to injustice and feeling for the underdog where big self-interest is concerned — such as the club establishment and the developer — make him a champion who will appeal to many.

Lastman has also shown that he can stir things up and command attention downtown. As mayor, he could bring a most welcome new look to North York politics."



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Montreal college students win right to study Hebrew

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL –

A row between Jewish students attending Vanier CEGEP and the college's administration has been halted following publication of a notice that a course in the Hebrew language will be taught starting in the January semester.

In the 1971-72 school year students from Vanier Hillel approached the language department requesting a course in Hebrew, which would later form part of a program in Jewish studies.

The department agreed, and the course was published in the school's calendar of courses for the present academic year.

"But when people went to register last spring," said Morris Altman, a student spokesman at the Vanier Hillel, "the course was cancelled . . . to our surprise."

Altman said students approached Allied Jewish Community Services – which helped initiate Jewish study programs at four Montreal universities and CEGEPS – to help institute a similar program at Vanier.

At a meeting held last June between AJCS, students, and administration, a decision was made to conduct a survey to determine the interest among students for the proposed program on Jewish studies.

The results of the poll stated that some 73% of Protestant Catholic and Jewish students viewed the creation of the program with favor. Only 4.5% of the total Vanier student community was polled.

"However, they shouldn't have given out the survey in the summer time," said Altman, "because a lot of students leave the city and many others didn't know if they would be going to Vanier in the fall.

"They should have taken a survey in person, rather than by mail, at registration in the fall and they would have been able to get a much greater consensus of opinion."

In early September a regular meeting of the school's academic council decided that since a small number of students responded to the poll "we might be meeting services of a very small minority group."

The survey report was tabled at the meeting "for further study."

"Now we're concerned that kids will not take the course in January because they're under the impression that it's in the calendar but cancelled like last spring," said Altman.

Presently, one course on the Jewish voice in fiction is being given at Vanier, and Vanier Hillel students are determined to develop a Jewish studies program involving the various disciplines.

Tour with a difference

TORONTO –

A luncheon party at the Hotel Newfoundland in St. John's, on Friday, Nov. 24, marked the conclusion of a national tour with a unique difference.

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The tour began in Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 6, and followed a pattern of meetings with distinguished guests, advisory board members, area enrolment directors and members of the press, television and radio communication media in Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Sault Ste. Marie, Hamilton, London, Windsor, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Moncton, Halifax and St. John's, Newfoundland.

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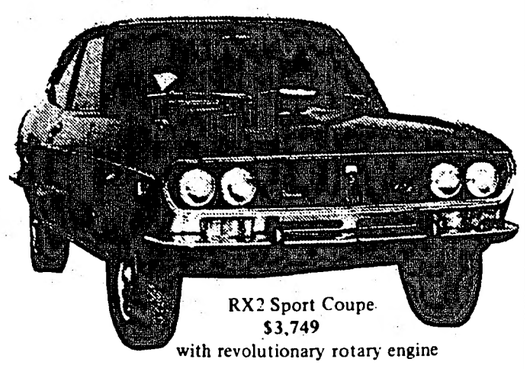

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British Jews, visitors urged to devise own protection

LONDON (JCNS) –

If British Jews and Israeli visitors to this country cannot rely on the government and the police for their protection against Arab terrorists they must devise their own defence, it was stated at the national conference of the World Jewish Congress, British Section, which was held at Hillel House, London.

The demand, made by Malvyn Benjamin, vice-chairman of the British branch of Herut, the right wing Israeli political party, was not challenged by delegates to the conference.

Benjamin said that if Israeli and other authorities failed to take effective steps against terrorists, unofficial Jewish organizations and individuals might take the law into their own hands.

Retaliation against Arab terrorists, Benjamin said, was no longer enough. All the brains and forces of world Jewry must be mobilized for the hunt of the terrorists wherever they were.

The Israeli authorities and Jewish organizations all over the world must start an offensive against the terrorists. "It is time for the terrorists to be terrorized", Benjamin declared.

Arieh Handler, a vice-chairman of the WJC, British Section, told the conference that the Anglo-Jewish community must demand from the British government the protection of their lives. This, Handler said, was the duty of the government.

In a motion, moved by Herut and carried unanimously, the conference demanded that the United Nations and all governments take effective steps to hunt down and eliminate terrorists and take appropriate and severe action against any State which protects, aids, abets or finances the terrorists in their activities.

The present wave of terrorist attacks against Jews outside Israel affected the conference itself, when it had to be suspended for an hour after a telephone warning that a bomb had been placed in the building. Hillel House, was evacuated while police conducted a search but found no bomb in the building.

Israel won't allow Arabs to return to former homes

JERUSALEM (JTA) –

Premier Golda Meir indicated that the former Arab residents of Ikrit and Baram villages near the Lebanese border will not be permitted to return even if the security situation improves on the northern frontier.

Questioned in the Knesset by Uri Avneri of the Haolam Hazeh faction, Mrs. Meir said the cabinet's decision barring a return was final. Asked by Avneri if the decision might be altered if the security situation changed, Mrs. Meir repeated, "The decision is final."

Ikrit and Baram were evacuated in 1948 and their residents resettled elsewhere. The villages were subsequently razed for security reasons. A petition by the former residents to return to the old sites was denied earlier this year on security grounds.

Replying to M. K. Shmuel Tamir of the Free Center faction, Mrs. Meir refused to confirm or deny a **Time** magazine story last month that Israeli officials had held meetings with officials from Jordan, Egypt and the Soviet Union. Mrs. Meir said she could not "analyze every speculative press report."

In reply to another question from Tamir, the Prime Minister said that no formal complaints had been received from the Democratic Party in the U.S. over allegedly pro-Nixon statements by Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin before the American Presidential election. Mrs. Meir said that American citizens who asked about the statements were told that Israel's policy was not to interfere in the U.S. elections.

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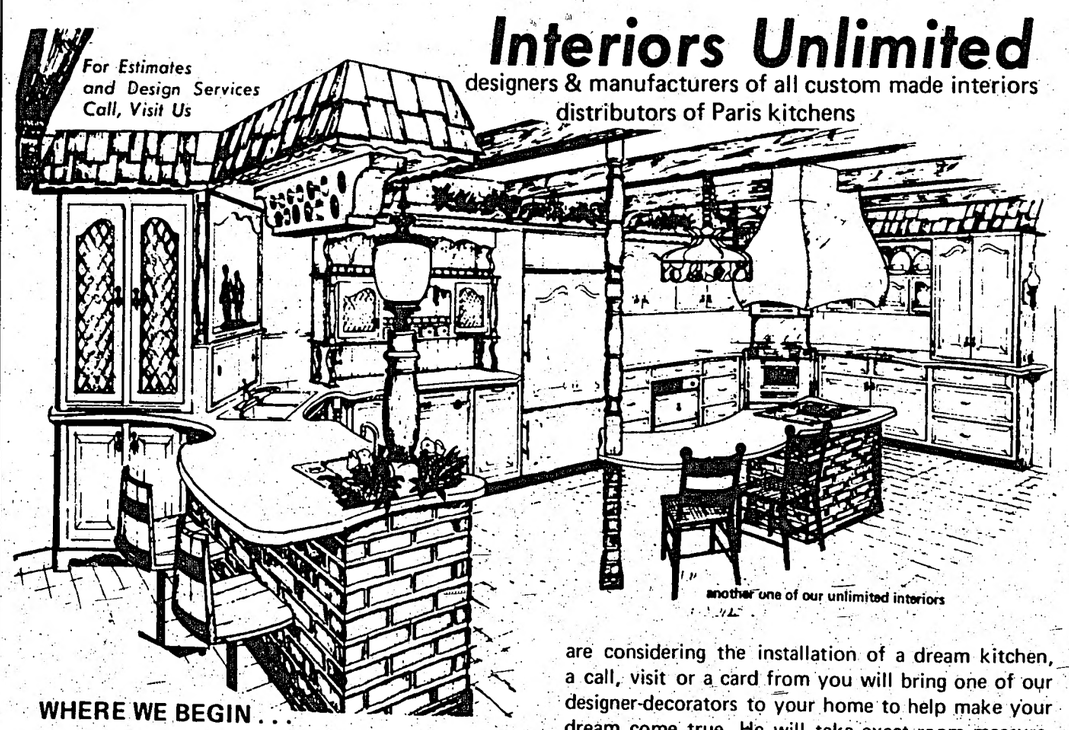
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Nazi probe ended

MUNICH (JCNS) –

The public prosecutor's special department here investigating Nazi crimes is to be wound up. Since its establishment in 1966, the department has inquired into a total of 1,882 cases.

These resulted in 53 prosecutions in local courts, and another 16 remain to be settled, sources disclosed last week.

The war criminals prosecuted included Dr. Wilhelm Harster, 67, the head of the German security police in Holland between 1940 and 1943, and two of his subordinates, Wilhelm Zoepf, 63, and Gertrud Slottke, 69.

At the trial early in 1967, Zoepf admitted responsibility for the deportation in 1944 of Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who wrote her diary while living in hiding from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic.

Anne died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945, aged 15 years. Her mother and sister also died there.

Zoepf was jailed for nine years for complicity in the deportation and murder of 54,982 Jews from Holland. The time he spent in pretrial custody was deducted.

Harster was sentenced to 15 years' hard labor for his part in the deportation and murder of 82,854 Jews.

Slottke, Zoepf's former secretary, was jailed for five years for complicity in the deportation and murder of 42,729 Jews. The retrial opened in Frankfurt last week of Walter Fasold, 67, head of a Nazi arms factory in Czestochowa, Poland, in 1943, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1949 on charges of complicity in the murder of at least 180 Jewish "slave workers" at the factory.

According to the indictment, he was responsible for the selection of these workers later shot in the town cemetery. About 2,600 slave workers, mostly Jews, were employed in the factory.

The High Court in Frankfurt ordered a retrial after Rosa Fischmann, a Los Angeles witness, admitted giving false evidence in the 1949 trial.

Fasold was freed last February.

Herut Party Leader Menachem Begin

'Hot' convention will air Herut group differences

By MOSHE RON

TEL AVIV –

We all remember the Herut convention five years ago in Kfar Maccabi in Ramat Gan, which led to a split in the party. At that time Shmuel Tamir and the group around Eliezer Shostak formed another party and Menachem Begin resigned as chairman of Herut. Now, before the Herut convention in December, some leaders of the party are afraid of a "hot" convention.

Behind the public declarations and demonstrations that "all is quiet" between Party Leader Menachem Begin and chairman of the Executive Ezer Weizmann, everybody knows about the angry discussions taking place behind closed doors, between the two leaders, about political and party problems.

Sometimes, Ezer Weizmann makes a public announcement which does not conform with the line of Begin. Up till now, Begin was not used to such treatment. Before all number two men in the party had always accepted and expressed his line in public.

Weizmann is different in his views and temperament from the other Herut leaders. He is a newcomer to the party and for years has not worked in close contact with Menachem Begin, in the way that other Herut leaders have. He has made his career in the military field, and even today is considered one of Zahal's best generals, especially as its former commander of the Israeli Air Force. Now he is chairman of the Herut Executive and it is against his makeup to take advice from Begin before each public speech or announcement.

Weizmann succeeded in gaining sympathy from former Herut groups, such as big industrialists and manufacturers, headed by Josef Kremerman and Jacob Meridor, students and youngsters, who see him as the future leader of the party.

In a dramatic debate between Begin and Weizmann on the subject of electoral reform, Weizmann demanded renewed negotiations with the Liberals on this matter. Begin opposed such a resolution. In a secret vote in the central committee of Herut, Begin gained a majority of 65%. After the vote, Begin wanted to show a gesture of clemency toward Weizmann and suggested holding a joint meeting with the leaders of the Liberal Party in order to discuss the matter once again.

The outcome of the vote has shown that the influence of Weizmann on the Herut Party is growing and is much greater than had been estimated before. It is certain that differences between the two leaders of the party will be aired and decided upon at the Herut Convention in December, and it is generally assumed that it will be a "hot" convention, in which the roots of Herut's future leadership could become visible.

Aid asked for Syrian Jews

WASHINGTON (JTA) –

B'nai B'rith has announced that it asked the justice department to demonstrate American concern for the plight of Syrian Jews by granting them parole authority to enter the U.S. as refugees.

David M. Blumberg, B'nai B'rith president, stated in a letter to Attorney General Richard Kleindienst that a ruling be applied to Syria's 4,000 Jews similar to that by former Attorney General John Mitchell waiving immigration quotas to authorize entry of Soviet Jews.

Blumberg said in his letter that the situation of Syrian-Jews was "more grievous" than that of Soviet Jews and that an American commitment to provide them a haven would do much to maintain their morale.

He said their physical security is precarious and their civil rights, including the right to pursue their profession or occupation, were drastically limited.

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'Just destroy me'

Soviet Jew tells of privations in smuggled letter

TORONTO –

"Instead of these humiliations, just destroy me and I will be rid of you," writes an imprisoned Soviet Jew in an impassioned protest letter to a Russian government official.

In the letter to the procurator for supervision of the City of Kirov, former chauffeur Victor Khansis, who was recently given an 18-month sentence for supposed anti-Soviet activity, described his seven-month pretrial ordeal including a term in a Moscow psychiatric hospital where he attempted suicide.

The Toronto Student Council For Soviet Jewry received a copy of the letter last week. In it, Khansis writes:

"The prisoners here are held in solitary confinement. . . . The medical orderly comes, it is true, every day but the procedure and the medicine are always the same: 'You are still alive.' The food does not correspond to the standards set out: in the fish soup one can find fish backbone and some bones. The answer to all complaints is 'Norm'. . . .

The father of two began his efforts to emigrate in 1966 when he learned his sister, missing since World War II, was alive and living in Israel. Harassment from the Soviet government followed on the heels of his first application for a visa and eventually his driver's licence was revoked, ending his job as a chauffeur.

"If I had many accomplices, it would have been difficult to clear up the matter. But in my case there are only 24 registered letters with the application for a permit to emigrate to Israel, sent to highly placed authorities. And, because of this, the ridiculous false charge of anti-Sovietism is being attributed to me," writes Khansis.

Khansis ends his letter to the Russian official with the plea for either justice or a quick death.

"I am still a human being. . . . If I am a criminal, show some justice, explain to me why I am kept here such a long time. My aim is only one, a visa to emigrate to Israel."

Meanwhile, another phase of the continuing battle between the Jews of the USSR and the Russian authorities was reported in a telephone call made from Toronto to Evgeny Levich of Moscow.

The Toronto callers were told that about 50 applicants for visas attended at the offices of the ministry of the interior last week but only a few people were received by General Verein, head of OVIR.

Professor Alexander Lerner, who was fired from his position after he applied for an exit visa to Israel, was told that "his brain could rot in the USSR" but he would never be allowed to leave for Israel. He was told that his brain belonged to the government.

In addition, the applicants were informed that there was a law barring families from being separated and that an amendment to "decree 74" was to be put in force to disconnect telephone service if it is used "for disturbance of public order and against government interest." This would indicate that the authorities were intending to monitor private telephone conversations.

Small cities meet targets

TORONTO –

The northern Ontario communities of Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie wound up their United Israel Appeal campaigns recently, reporting increases in contributions of 33% over the previous year.

UIA Executive Director Yehuda Noy, who toured the communities, said the Sudbury campaign evening was held at the home of chairman William Zelikovitz and Sault Ste. Marie's was held at the local synagogue under the chairmanship of Frank Richardson.

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Jewish musicians explore new jazz role

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO –

Throughout the last 50 years, there have been many outstanding Jewish jazz musicians, from the great Benny Goodman to Herbie Mann today.

The list is endless: Paul Whiteman, Benny Goodman, Artie Bernstein, Dave Brubeck, Max Kaminsky, Joe Bushkin, Stan Getz, Danny Zeitlin, Joe Zawinul (who heads the Weather Report group) Jack Kane and Moe Koffman. To this list must also be added blues artists such as Mike Bloomfield, Danny Kalb, Al Kooper, Genya Ravan, Steve Katz and Danny Goldberg.

This is no accident. This is due to what I believe to be the great degree of compatibility of spirit and musical substance between American Black jazz and Jewish music. Both forms have a feeling of emotional soul, gutty "tell-it-like-it-is" spirit and common use of such musical progressions such as the minor third augmented fourth.

The chief element in jazz which is lacking in Jewish music is that of Protestant gospel harmonies which is currently being emphasized by such artists as Aretha Franklin. Similarly, the East European elements in some forms of Jewish music are not present in jazz. But the similarities of mood and spirit far outweigh the differences.

The great American Jewish jazz composers were thus very able to naturally fuse together the Black heritage with a sophisticated eclecticism of Jewish and classical music styles. Songs such as **Summertime** and **It Ain't Necessarily So** are such a natural fusion of these elements that they have been accepted as permanent jazz classics. The overwhelming majority of the songs that were sung by Bessie Smith and Billie Holiday were written by Jewish composers, and are also universally regarded by all jazz fans, Black and White, as being the highest authentic expressions of the jazz medium. A more recent example of this fusion is that of Dionne Warwick, whose songs are written by the Jewish songwriting team of Burt Bacharach and Hal David.

A few Jewish songwriters have tried to totally assimilate into the white country-rock scene (such as Neil Diamond and Steve Goodman), and a few others, such as Carole King, have restricted themselves to basic gospel progressions. Both, I feel, are musically insignificant and will soon be forgotten.

The great American Jewish composers, from Gershwin to Berlin to Copland to Bernstein and to the early Bacharach-David, have all utilized jazz as a very free, eclectic vehicle to fully express themselves, because the spirit of jazz is so compatible to the free creativity of the Jewish soul. In listening to the music of Lalo Schiffrin, who scored **Mission Impossible** and **Mannix** and Quincy Jones who scored **The Pawnbroker** plus dozens of other movies, one can hear the exciting proof of this compatibility of Jewish and Black jazz styles.

The serious search for African roots by avant-garde Black jazz musicians will be undoubtedly paralleled by an extensive research by Jewish musicians into original Yemeni and North African Jewish roots; a topic I dealt with in a previous article.

Herbie Mann, who is, in my opinion, one of the three greatest jazz musicians alive (the other two being Roland Kirk and Ornette Coleman) has already done this. I believe that the next key trend in jazz will include such a serious incorporation of Sephardic and African elements.

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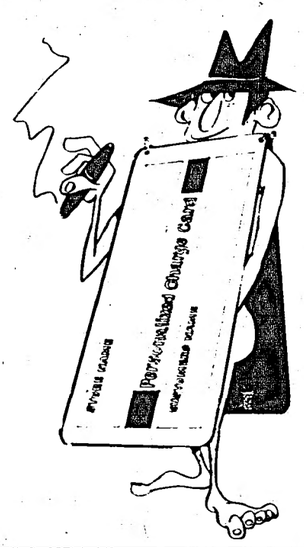

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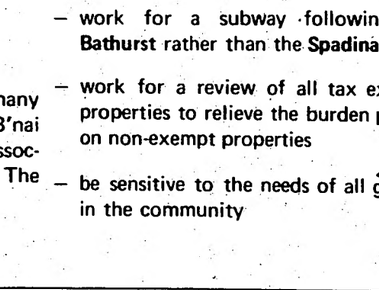

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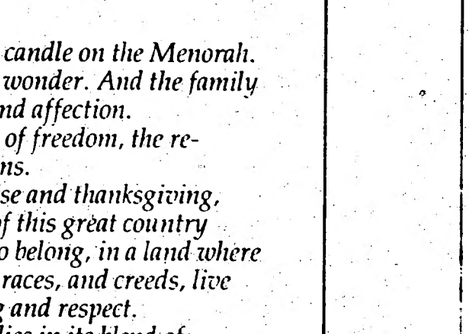

The Patriarchs Tomb, the site in Hebron at which Abraham, Issac and Leah were buried according to tradition, was recently supplied with chairs and a holy ark for the benefit of religious patrons. This followed an agreement with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan. Regular time periods have been alloted to both Moslems and Jews for private worship.

Israel may share Gaza port with Jordan: Eban

JERUSALEM (JTA) – Foreign Minister Abba Eban declared here that the Gaza Strip would not be separated from Israel but that in a peace agreement, it might be possible for Israel to share the Strip's port with Jordan. Addressing the Economic Club of Kiryat Gat, Eban said that there was no deal between Israel and Jordan on the future of the Strip, which he said would be decided on in an overall Israeli-Arab settlement. Noting that the Strip has never been part of Egypt's Nile Valley, Eban called the Egyptian presence in the Strip between 1948 and 1967 "artificial."

Touching on the question of permanent borders, Eban said there would have to be changes in the Raffah area, south of the Strip, and that the north Sinai highway, "the classic invasion route" into Israel, could not be returned to the Egyptians.

He also denied news reports that the Sept. 5 massacre of 11 Israeli sportsmen by Arab killers in Munich had prevented a planned meeting between Israeli and Egyptian representatives on possible peace negotiations. He said if Egypt had been interested in such a meeting, its leaders would not have "lavished praise" on the terrorists who carried out the Munich murders.

Future of territories

Israel cabinet divides on policy

JERUSALEM (JTA) – Sharp differences within the government over long-term policies in the administered territories have emerged in the past few days.

The nub of the debate that has engaged top-ranking Cabinet ministers is whether Israel must be prepared to govern the territories indefinitely; whether such a policy, if pursued to its logical conclusion – annexation – would not destroy the Jewish character of the state; whether Israel now employs too much Arab labor from the territories; and whether it is investing too much in developing the territories at the expense of its own urgent social and economic needs.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, the chief architect and advocate of the current policies, was rebuked by Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir at a Labor Party Secretariat meeting for his recent remarks that Jews and Arabs could coexist only under an Israeli government and army.

Allon said he agreed with Dayan in the short term because no one intends to give up the West Bank or the Gaza Strip prior to a peace treaty. But if Dayan was referring to long-term arrangements, he was talking dangerously, Allon said.

"Whoever thinks we can get both peace and the administered territories is mistaken. Peace that we want, peace that is attainable is a peace arising from a compromise that would leave us defensible borders," he said.

In a television interview, Allon warned that annexation of the Arab territories would turn Israel into a bi-national state. "I want a Jewish State with a considerable Arab minority that will enjoy various rights," he said.

Sapir told the Party secretariat that he opposed the influx of Arab labor into Israel which Dayan supports.

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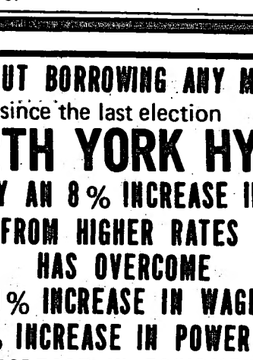

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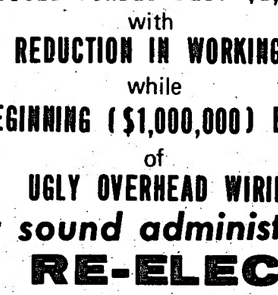

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Gordon has made significant contributions to various facets of religious education and communal life in the Canadian Jewish community. He has been associated with the organizing of the Ner Israel Yeshiva College of Toronto and has been closely identified with the various developments of the Ner Israel College in Baltimore.

Gordon's late father, Rabbi Jacob Gordon, was the chief rabbi of Toronto and founded what are now The Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto. Gordon's wife Balfoura is a community leader active in many educational and cultural endeavours – and his children follow in the tradition of the parents. His oldest son Jared, an ordained rabbi, is an alumnus of Ner Israel in Baltimore.

To honor Wilferd Gordon, a library is being planned in his name at the college. A sponsoring committee of prominent Torontonians is in the forefront of the group acting to establish the endowment. The Committee of Sponsors includes Stephen Berger, Sandor Hofstedter, Carl Keyfetz, Mark A. Levy and Dr. Julius Kuhl.

A large delegation of community leaders are expected to attend the convocation and dinner in Baltimore.

Irving Layton says

Jewish experience fundamental to my poetry

By KAREN ENGELBAUM

TORONTO –

With a warm greeting of "good Shabbos", Irving Layton, one of Canada's best known poets, introduced a discussion of his work entitled "What is Jewish about my Poetry", at the celebration of Jewish Book Month at Temple Sinai.

Layton said that fundamental to his poetry was his Jewish experience. Indeed, he feels that his poetry is very strongly characterized by his existence as a Jew.

In the poem, **The Incarnation,** he speaks of God as having "maimed him for life". This was not to be understood in the usual sense but as a benevolent act on the part of God in the cause of life, he told his audience.

The maiming or the Jewish identity has provided Layton with a powerful inner tension. Layton said he recognizes this tension as the source of his creativity.

He spoke briefly of his Orthodox, Jewish background, recalling vivid memories of his mother and father. In the poem **The Benediction,** Layton tries to express his experiences of the Sabbath.

He writes that "in the flicker of the candle-flame" he saw "images of long-departed rabbinical ancestors, leacherous great uncles, murdered kin and famed disputants in seminaries."

A similar image is the burning bush which he said he finds appropriate as a Jewish symbol because the flame never goes out. For Layton, "Israel is the interrupted, unstoppable march of G-d in the world." These images hope to show that "behind the great variety of events, unity is the nature of the Jewish experience."

Layton attempted to characterize the Jewish spirit by referring to his poem **Signs and Portents,** in which he uses images of sunlight and water to convey a feeling of unity and optimism. For Layton the Jew wants "unity of mind, spirit, emotion and will."

In discussing the contribution of Canadian Jewish artists, Layton emphasized this spirit of celebration of life.

Canadian Jewish writers should be recognized for their distinct contribution to Canadian literature he said. Writers such as Mordechai Richler, Miriam Waddington, A. M. Klein, and Leonard Cohen have written in the Jewish tradition of optimism.

He said that Canadian literature identifies with the victim but Jewish writers "have transcended the 'victim-victimizer' polarization which is Christian in a spirit of celebration of life."

Movie on Soviet Jewry

Critics score new film

NEW YORK (JTA) –

Escape to the Sun, the first motion picture to deal with the plight of Soviet Jews trying to emigrate to Israel and "based" on events leading up to the infamous Leningrad hijack trial in 1970, had its world premiere at the Criterion Theatre.

It is a controversial film. But the controversy, unfortunately, is whether it is a bad or terrible film, amateurish or inept. **The New York Times** film critic wrote that current events and problems have spawned a number of bad films. "And now, to treat the plight of Jewish intellectuals in Russia, which isn't a joke, comes Menahem Golan's **Escape to the Sun,** which is."

The acting, he stated, ranges from "the professionally inept to the almost amateurish and . . . deals in a helpless pseudo-realism." **The Times** critic noted further that the film "continually strives to be fancy without ever achieving competence." But the direction, he asserted, is what "really subverts the movie and keeps sinking it beneath the level, to which it might have aspired, of the merely routine."

The critic for the Film Review of the Jewish Broadcasting and Film Committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council wrote that "by and large the characters fall short of the potential of the story. Their emotion often is a mere pastiche of the real thing, and they become unbelievable and boring."

This writer, who saw it in New York and previously last summer in Israel, felt the film did nothing to present the cause of Soviet Jewry in a forceful, significant and realistic manner. In fact, the film on many levels is a disservice to the tragedy and heroism of the Soviet Jews. The characters portrayed are caricatures of the real Jews who have defied and challenged the Soviet bureaucracy and have risked their jobs and freedom in their fight for the right to emigrate. The film plods away and is bogged down in technical gimmicks of still frames interspersed with fuzzy lighting to present flashbacks and swaying camera work presumably to provide the tensions which the film fails to develop in the unfolding scenes.

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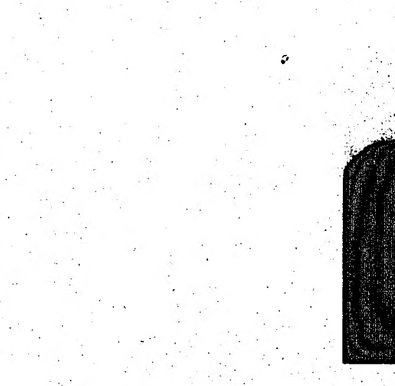

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Israel population

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JERUSALEM (JCNS) –
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According to the predictions of the statisticians, Israel's total population will be 4,810,000 by 1990. This figure is based on the assumption that immigration will number 25,000 a year (this year it is expected to be 70,000). If Israel's annual immigration figures are at the rate of 70,000 a year, the total population will be 5,795,000.

But whichever assumption proves correct, the Arab population will grow faster than the Jewish population. At the end of 1970, Israel's Arabs accounted for 14.7% of the country's inhabitants. If only 25,000 Jewish immigrants a year arrive, and the Arabs increase to the projected million they will be 19.5% in 1990. If Israel can maintain a Jewish level of immigration of 70,000 a year the Arab rate of increase will still bring them up to 17.6% of the total.

Arabs living inside Israel's pre-1967 frontiers numbered 440,000 at the end of 1970. By 1990, this figure will have more than doubled, according to the excess of births over deaths expected.

When predicting where the Jewish immigrants will come from, the experts are very much in the hands of the political climate. Will the Russians keep the emigration doors ajar, open wide or closed? Nevertheless, the population experts expect the great majority of immigrants to come from Europe-America with only between 10 and 20% from Asia-Africa.

Another interesting figure turned up by the experts is that one person in 10 of the Jewish population (9.5%) will be 65 or over by 1980, a proportion that is unlikely to change in the following decade (the present proportion is 7.2%).

More Israeli youth taking hard drugs

TEL AVIV –
Meir Shamgar, Israel's attorney-general, told a meeting here that the number of youngsters on hard drugs had shown an alarming rise.

Addressing a meeting called by the Interministerial Committee for the War Against Drugs, Shamgar said that the use of opium among soldiers, high school students and even elementary school children has been growing this year. Considerable amounts of the drug have been discovered recently.

At the same time, said Shamgar, the government has no intention of slackening its drive to wipe out the use of the so-called "soft drugs" hashish and marijuana, along with the other drugs.

The attorney-general told the meeting that school children seemed aware of the dangers involved.

He thought that an anti-drug advertising campaign would be the wrong way of tackling the problem because it would arouse curiosity about trying them out.

Shamgar flatly condemned recommendations made in the U.S. for a permissive attitude towards the use of hashish or marijuana. He said there was no proof that they were not harmful.

Avraham Tornau, a Tel Aviv pharmacist said that the youngest case recorded so far was that of a boy of nine. He said that a number of LSD users had been committed to mental hospitals, including an army officer who became psychotic after being introduced to LSD by foreign volunteers at his kibbutz. A 19-year-old soldier had deserted when he was unable to get enough of the drugs.

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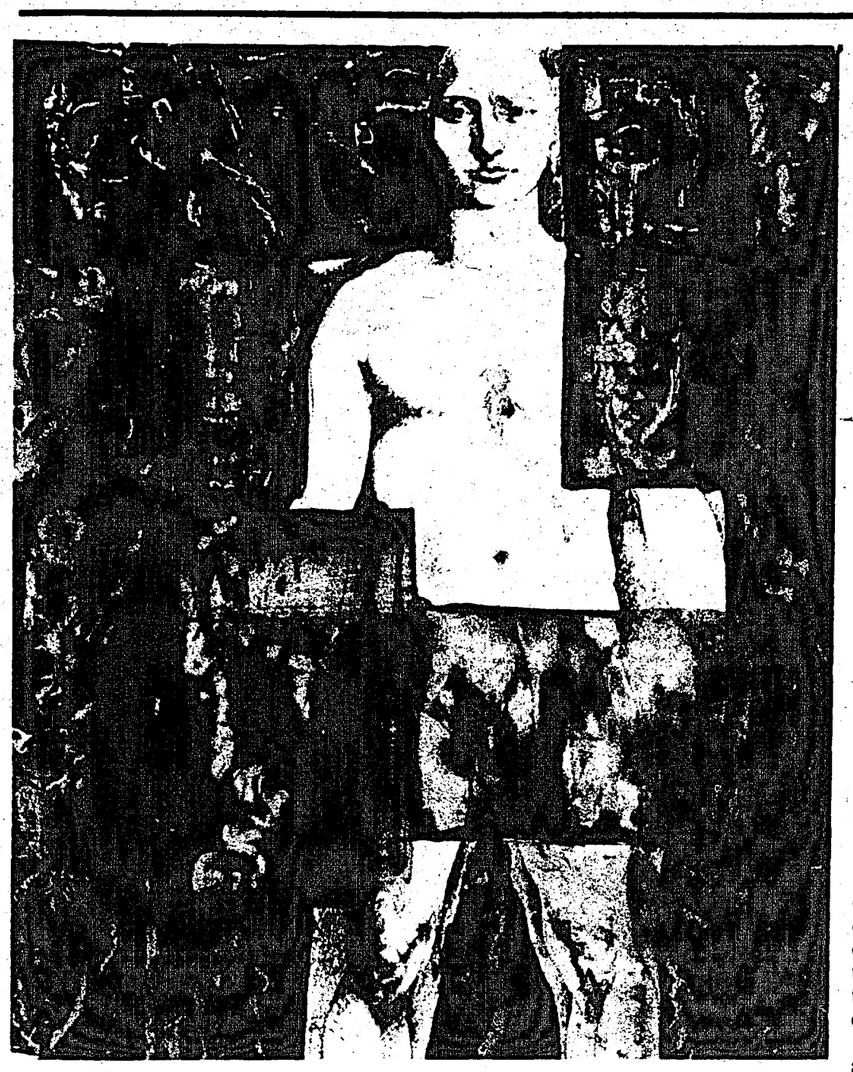

One of Joe Rosenthal's works on display at the Merton Gallery in Toronto

Good drawing, strength feature Rosenthal show

I walked into the Merton Gallery out of the white and black quiet of winter's first snow and was assailed by the white and black silence of fists clenched in outrage, an armoured mask, omnicient and pompous King Lears, mute clowns from some metaphysical circus and feather-winged man angels (Icarus) looking searching up for a heaven. These are the drawings and paintings of Joe Rosenthal, a Romanian-born Canadian who lives in Toronto.

Through Rosenthal's eyes we see a sombre reflection of man's ability to rail against adversity but with the realization that no man is an island as we see his men and women huddled clutched together as if this closeness gives them strength, but their nakedness shows us how vulnerable we all are.

Rosenthal's academic skill has put the bombardment of splashes gestures, postures, and scrapings in todays art back in their warm and comfortable pigeon holes, good drawing is back in town.

Rosenthal centres his figures in fine pen line surrounded by ghosted grey images of expressions echoing Munch's **The Scream**. Others are passive, some search, they beseech, or cry silently, a dark montage of everymans secret thoughts, then onto the triumph of a beautiful oriental woman squatting happily over an upturned American G.I. helmet and relieving herself smugly, the victor over all ideology.

With this show, Rosenthal firmly establishes himself as an artist of strength and importance. His impassioned drawings and paintings should not be ignored.

This show continues to Dec. 2. -R.J.A.

Exciting story of pioneer surgery

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

THE PATIENTS
by Jurgen Thorwald
Longmans of Canada

The human heart is about the size of a man's fist. This remarkable organ weighs ten ounces, pulses 40 million times a year, and drives nearly a million gallons of blood through 60,000 miles of tubing. It is capable, if necessary, of altering its beat from 60 to 200 strokes a minute and its output from two to 12 litres.

Unfortunately, this extraordinary and complex piece of human machinery tends to deteriorate. Every year in the United States alone more than a half million persons die of heart disease.

One of the far-reaching and continuing medical dramas of our era is the development of organ repair and replacement. Many "blue babies," victims of congenital heart defects, have been given a new lease on life through innovative surgical techniques.

Artificial heart valves keep grateful patients alive who would have been considered incurable only a few decades ago. And, of course, the world has watched with unfeigned fascination as hearts have been transplanted into the bodies of men who suddenly became household names. Who wasn't cheering for Louis Washkansky and Philip Blaiberg? What newspaper reader is unfamiliar with such ground - breaking physicians as Christaan Barnard of South Africa, and Denton Cooley and Michael DeBakey of Texas?

But all developments in technological medicine – including artificial and transplanted kidneys, livers and lungs – present fearful risks as well as hope. In almost every instance a fateful decision must be made by the surgeon who is dealing with relatively untested procedures and new and experimental equipment, as well as by patients and their families.

Jurgen Thorwald, a Swiss writer on medical subjects who is remembered for his absorbing studies: **The Century of the Surgeon** and **The Triumph of Surgery,** focuses his attention on the patients who, as prisoners of hope, submitted to pioneering surgery. He tells the story from their point of view – the agonizing decision, the moment of exultant expectation, the thankfulness of apparent success and breakthrough, the despair of frustrated dreams and aspirations.

In an unusual but journalistic technique that brings a sense of immediacy and poignancy to the material the author juxtaposes recollections of newspaper correspondents, excerpts from articles in medical journals, interviews with survivors, their families, doctors and nurses.

Several conclusions emerge from the often stirring and heart-breaking accounts. In the first place the patients display unexpected courage, tenacity and faith. Secondly, some eminent doctors - especially in the field of heart transplants and mechanical spare parts – were anxious to operate even when the procedures were untried and controversial. Such doctors were guilty of raising hopes prematurely and engaging in unseemly competition with colleagues. Finally, it does not appear that the troublesome and difficult issue of tissue rejection is even close to being solved. As long as this daunting problem remains, the entire process of transplanting organs is in jeopardy. As a matter of fact, despite the promising advances that have been made the prognosis is still discouraging for those whose hearts, lungs or kidneys have been severely damaged.

But this absorbing, skilfully arranged and often moving story holds out the promise that human ingenuity will one day find answers to unsolved and perplexing difficulties. Meanwhile, we must salute those patients and doctors – heroes of medical research – who are seeking new ways to conquer ancient problems and alleviate human suffering.

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Unusual museum visited

By HERMAN LANDAU

During my last visit to Israel, I had the opportunity to visit the Museum in the Dagon in Haifa. The Dagon-buildings are the largest grain silos in Israel adjacent to the Haifa harbour. Dr. Reuben Hecht, founder and head of Dagon Batey-Mamguroth Le-Israel Ltd., made it possible for me to visit this most unusual museum, which describes the development of the storage and handling of grain since ancient times.

The museum is located on the ground and second floor of the building adjacent to the administration building of Dagon and shows in a very compact form the development of grain agriculture from ancient times to the present day.

Here one can see a Silo-shaped ossuare from the Chalcolithic age (approx. 5,500 years old) or a model of a silo from the Late Bronze period, tools used during the Early Iron time (period of the Judges, approx. 2,000 years after creation of the world) or jars from the time of David Hamelech.

On another showcase we find a coin of the Jewish King Agrippoas, depicting grain found in Cesaria in Capadocia, milling and grinding implements of old eras or jars recovered from the bottom of the sea, where one can still recognize the fossilized remains of underwater life. Other items to be found are samples of genuine grains of wheat more than 5,000 years old, as well as a unique collection of all kinds of stamps depicting grain.

Although most of the objects are from Dr. Hecht's private museum, Dr. Abraham Biran and the famous archeologist, Prof. Dr. Yigal Yadon, have been lending valuable objects which they have found during their excavations in Israel. Murals and decorations on the walls with their symbolic description of grain and provide a harmonious setting of the objects shown.

Although the museum is privately-owned, it is the intention of Dr. Hecht to give it as a present to the government of Israel, so that it could be visited by a larger number of Israelis and tourists. At present the museum is open only for a half to one hour daily. More than 50% of its visitors are school children, a fact of much personal satisfaction to Dr. Hecht. His own family has been prominent throughout Europe for generations, and it is Dr. Hecht's primary aim to show the pupils of Israel's schools how the art of grainhandling has changed and developed down through the ages from primitive agriculture with rudimentary tools to a present-day very modern, nearly 100% automated industry, of which Dagon is an apt example.

Desalination program

WASHINGTON (JTA) –

The White House is expected within the next week to authorize negotiations for a formal agreement between Israel and the United States on a three-point desalination program of far-reaching importance to the Middle East and this country, Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D.N.Y.) said.

Rosenthal, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee, authored the legislation approved earlier by Congress which provides $20 million for the planning, design and construction of joint desalinating projects.

An aide to Rosenthal told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that negotiations would include a timetable for the program, costs to both countries, and the input on technology. Israel was described by Rosenthal as "the only country with the commitment and technical capacity to effect a breakthrough in converting unusable salt water into fresh water."

According to Rosenthal, who has hailed the understanding as a "significant step toward solving the worldwide shortage of usable water," the program under the agreement involves: a plant at Eilat desalting one million gallons a day which Israel expects to complete next Nov.

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U.S. anti-Jewishness on increase, ADL says

NEW YORK (JTA) –

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported "a marked increase during the past two years in the scope of American anti-Jewish activities, incidents, organizations, and publications."

According to Lawrence Peirez, chairman of the League's Fact Finding Committee, "the emerging dimensions of the threat to the security of American Jewry are disturbing and cannot be regarded as negligible."

Addressing a session of the League's 59th annual meeting, which opened at the Waldorf Astoria, Peirez told 200 ADL leaders that: Anti-Semitism is no longer largely limited to the far right; a major component is the heavily increasing flow of Arab and Soviet propaganda; and a major trend is the use of euphemisms such as the terms "anti-Zionist" and "anti-Zionism" when "anti-Jewish" and "anti- Judaism" are really meant.

While there was keen sensitivity to anti-Semitism following the Nazi period, many reputable individuals and institutions, including government agencies, today are indifferent or callously disregard the concerns, feelings and interests of the Jewish community, Peirez noted. His summary was based on an investigation of current manifestations of anti-Semitism in the United States conducted by the League under the direction of Arnold Forster, the agency's general counsel.

Forster said he traced the most important sources of hostility toward Jews to "broadsides from the Soviet and Arab worlds." He said that "Moscow has inundated forums of opinion in this country, including the United Nations, with ancient canards about Jewish financial influence and outrageous comparisons between Israel and Hitler's Germany." From the Arab world, he continued, an endless stream of raw anti-Semitism and blatant untruths about Israel and the Mideast conflict finds its way into America's campuses, lecture circuits, mass media – and ultimately to its grass roots."

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Views differ on start of history

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –
A Jewish historical drama is unfolding before our very eyes, says a leading Israeli historian.

Prof. Joseph Shatzmiller, visiting professor at the University of Toronto from Haifa University, said Sephardic Jews are unwilling to totally accept the dominant Ashkenazi view of Jewish history and "this will be the great discussion of the next generation."

Because Sephardim do not look on Jewish history the way Eastern Europeans do, Prof. Shatzmiller said he has "no doubt that we will be obliged to change our conceptions of modern Jewish history."

Prof. Shatzmiller, a modest, soft-spoken man, is a leading historian in Israel, specializing in French medieval history. He gave a series of talks at Beth Tzedec last weekend, one of which was entitled: **The Nature of Modern Jewish History: When Did It Begin?**

Prof. Shatzmiller pointed out that it is basically the Ashkenazi view that has determined periodization of Jewish history, including when modern Jewish history began. One view contends modern Jewish history began when German Jews began to know more about Goethe than Maimonides. Another view is when the great emigrations of Jews to the New World began. Another, during the different waves of anti-Semitism.

He said that if one is to accept the view that includes Zionism, then modern Jewish history could not have begun before the last quarter of the 19th century.

"Before then there was very little Zionist rhetoric that had a sociological and political impact on people. Yet, before 1939, most people would not consider Zionism as an important phenomenon in Jewish history."

Prof. Shatzmiller's own view is that modern Jewish history began around 1500 with the expulsion of Jews from Western Europe, particularly Spain and Portugal. "Then starts the emergence of the golden age of Jewish importance in Poland. From this time on, Ashkenazi life begins to dominate Jewish life."

He noted that pupils in Israel are asking to be taught about Sephardic history and "we are unable to do so because we have not done enough research. First we should get the information, then publish the documents, then do the research, then begin to teach. The drama is, they are demanding we teach it today."

Although some attempts to alleviate this tension are being made, he noted the small number of Sephardic university students in Israel.

Emphasizing the difficulty of a Jewish historian, Prof. Shatzmiller quipped, "An objective view of Jews will probably be written by a Vietnamese. Any Jew becomes too personal."

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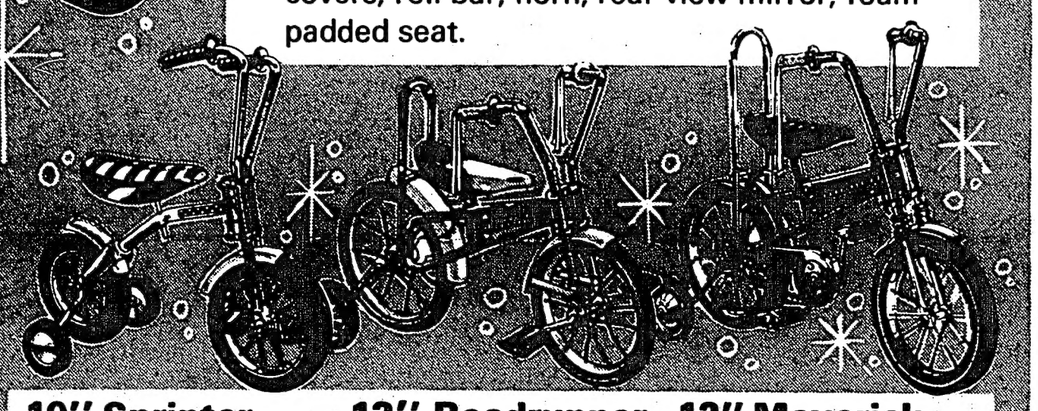

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